

your esteemed paper. I am unable to see the meaning or purpose of the pseudonym he persists in writing under. He seems for the most part to be a despotic sort of a person anyway and, therefore, hardly a friend in the sense I understand that word; at all events he is not a friend of progress, his ideas being conspicuously of the antediluvian age when people did little else than drink milk and build high towers from which to jump off into heaven when it rained hard. Nowadays, we have neither milk nor rain and a different policy is imperative. With reference to his charge that I attacked his letter, please let "Friend" be informed that his letter in the Avis of June 30th, rather constituted an attack upon me when he alluded to "a little argument, over marriage as being a sacrament", and essayed divers comments on phases of the question. Be that as it may, he can rest assured that no attack is, or can be, directed against a man of straw which he virtually is in his position of slinging ink on a conglomeration of matter neither a discussion of whether or not marriage is a sacrament, whether or not the desk is superior to the pulpit, or anything at all definite. "Friend" will please be advised that his advocating the use of the desk in preference to the pulpit is in conflict with his other antiquated notion of things judging which I would expect to have him clamor for the pulpit, or the mountain even. His argument in this connection, like his other contentions, can not hold water. By what he says he infers that the members of a congregation hear with their necks, since the use of the desk affords "much more comfort to the 'necks' of his hearers than the pulpit". Supposing they did hear through their necks, then, at any rate, only those on the first floor would be benefitted by the use of the desk while those in the gallery must crane their necks downward to hear, for it is a logical assumption that if it is necessary to have the neck bent upwards when the speaker is above, then it must be bent downwards when he is below. If "Friend" will be a bit reasonable he would save himself and others the trouble of dealing with problems which, when examined, are not problems after all. In reply to the request with which "Friend's" letter in today's paper concludes I would simply say that the word "protestant" when applied to religion, is understood to designate an adherent to the principles which formed the 'protest' made by the Lutheran party against the 'Diet of Spires' in 1529. This is merely a statement of fact. Should "Friend" wish to know more, let him come with his further inquiries and they will be answered here, or he will be referred to where the proper information is alleged to be obtainable.

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Editor St. Croix Avis,

Dear Sir:-

In your valued paper I read today an open denunciation of someone who, like the majority of us, is asked to pay more for goods than they are worth, or, as cited, more than the prices fixed by the Food Commission. "Cooks" claim that a certain grocery owned by a member of the Food Commission is selling the 16 cent sugar at 20 cents a pound. That is nothing new; almost all shops are doing the same thing. Take R. D. Benjamin's grocery in Christiansted for example; there up to yesterday morning after your paper for the day was in the hands of readers, raw sugar, for which the price has been fixed at 16 cents, was sold at 24 cents a pound. If I am not mistaken the proprietor of that grocery is also a member of the Food Commission. It appears to be a waste of time and words to publish these irregular things and that is why many people would prefer that the existence of the Food Commission be annulled and then what is now an unpunished violation of an ordinance that ought to be respected, would simply be ordinary profiteering, which we are used to.

Yours

CONSUMER.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Constantinople, July 6th.—Greek troops have swept the country west of Baloukesar clear of Turks, as far north as Adramyte. They also have landed large forces in Chardak, on the Dardanelles. The Turks retreated in such disorder that the Greeks easily inflicted great losses upon them and took many prisoners with few casualties among themselves. It was found unnecessary for the Greek forces to shell any towns, as all hoisted the white flag when they approached.

London, July 6th.—Turkish Nationalist troops on Monday occupied Beicos on the Asiatic shore of the Bosphorus, about ten miles from Constantinople and opposite the Allied Headquarters on the European side. Fighting with British and Greek troops in the town followed. The British fleet, says the report, bombarded the Turkish positions. The Nationalists continue to hold Beicos, the Allied troops having withdrawn. Bombardment of the Greek Mosque at Brussa and the destruction of the town by airplane attacks rethreatened in an ultimatum received by the Governor of Brussa from Vice-Admiral De Robeck. Nationalist forces in violation of the peace terms have attacked territory occupied by the British on the Sea of Marmora.

Washington July 6th.—Great Britain does not forget those who proved themselves her friends in the hour of need,

Sir Auckland Geddes, British Ambassador to the United States, told General Pershing yesterday in presenting him with a bejewelled sword as a gift of the city of London. The presentation was made at the British Embassy. General Pershing accepted the sword in the name of the men of the United States, who, with the men of Great Britain and the other Allies, combined the courage and skill that brought a new victory to our race and to all those who seek justice and liberty for mankind.

Belfast, July 6th.—A battery of artillery arrived here today and proceeded to the Victoria Barracks.

Dublin, July 6th.—The Pope is most desirous that Ireland's national rights should be recognized, said Cardinal Logue, Primate of Ireland, speaking in Armagh Cathedral today. He added, however, that the Irish need never expect to regenerate the country by means of crime or bloodshed and that the Pope is most anxious that they "abstain from anything contrary to God's Law".

London, July 6th.—The Prince of Wales emerged unscathed and smiling through the window of an overturned car, when his train was wrecked yesterday, says a despatch from Perth, Australia, to the London "Times". The accident occurred near Bridgetown, West Australia, according to the report. The Prince's parlour car and one adjoining which were last on the train, were derailed, dragged for two hundred yards and then overturned. Soon after climbing from the wreck, the Prince was joking and good naturedly chaffing the West Australian Premier and others of those accompanying him. He was cheered by a crowd that witnessed his dramatic escape from the wreck. Some members of the Prince's staff received bruises of a slight nature.

San Francisco, July 6th.—Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, was nominated for Vice President today by the Democratic National Convention, running mate to Governor Cox of Ohio and was elected without a ballot. Tammany was disinclined to accept him. The seconding of his nomination by Governor Smith of New York from the Tammany Delegation, settled all opposition. Mr. Roosevelt is a cousin of the late Theodore Roosevelt.

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