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It is plain that unless some remedy be devised the men and women who were employed at high wages in war time resent any reduction in wages now and propose to strike whenever wages are reduced or whenever any reduction in working force is proposed.

What Remedy? Apparently, there are two irreconcilable attitudes. If no one but the two interested parties were affected there would not be much feeling aroused.

Golden-Silver.

What a wealth of memories cluster round the announcement that the Diocese of Rochester has passed its fiftieth birthday and that St. Bernard's Seminary is to celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary!

Really, a resume of the history of the Diocese of Rochester is practically a resume of the history of the Catholic Hierarchy in the United States for half a century because first Bishop McQuaid and then Bishop Hickey have been interwoven in the doings of the Hierarchy and in the big propositions before the country at large.

In the cause of Catholic schools and education the Diocese of Rochester, led by its intrepid first Bishop and ably carried on by his successor blazed the way toward our present splendid position of leadership in real education of mind, of hand, of heart.

St. Bernard's Seminary is but another link in the cable forged by Rochester's first Bishop. He early saw the advisability, almost the necessity of encouraging priestly vocations at home and under the watchful care of the Bishop of the Diocese and so St. Andrew's Preparatory Seminary and then St. Bernard's were instituted through the generosity of the Catholics of the Diocese of Rochester.

Truly the golden jubilee of the Diocese of Rochester and the silver jubilee of St. Bernard's Seminary are part of the Catholic history of this country and are also a part of the local history of this part of New York State.

The United States is to go bonedry by vote of 40 or so States representing what proportion of the total population, wealth and industrial strength of the country.

Theodore Roosevelt.

No one will gainsay the tribute "100 per cent American" to Theodore Roosevelt. One may differ with him on political matters; one may doubt the wisdom of some of his proposals; one may deprecate his persistent attacks upon the President and Congress during the last two years, but none can deny that he was red-blooded, that he loved the United States, that he stood for so many good things and stood for them so vigorously and so persistently that his faults fade into oblivion.

As Governor and later as President he was an uncompromising foe to bigotry and the sub-cellarites who would crucify character under guise of religious patriotism. He was not afraid to appoint Catholics to office if they possessed the requisite character and qualifications. It will be recalled that the "Menace" did not show its head very high during the great harbor strike seven years ago because of irreconcilable differences between employers and employees, then the great public is intensely interested and begins to discuss ways and means to prevent such untoward happenings.

How is it to be done? Compulsory arbitration is suggested but what force can be set in motion to compel employees to remain at work or to compel employers to permit disaffected employees to remain at work or to continue them in employment when there is, apparently, no work to do? The Socialists say the State should control and operate all industries but wherein would the public be better off?

It is a troublesome question and one that is likely to cause the American people much thought and discussion in the immediate future.

Milk.

Milk has become a serious question as coal or wheat became in war days. Not alone is the price very high, as compared with that of two years ago, but there is a real shortage of supply in certain sections of the state and there is a serious lack of milk in the poorer sections of the great city, due to a shortage of funds with which to purchase the lacteal fluid needed by infants and young children.

Various causes are assigned for both shortage and high price but the fact remains that it now costs from \$2.00 to \$3.50 a week for milk to supply the needs of a family of six or eight persons—almost as much as to rent a very modest flat or a small house. The farmer says he is not the profiteer, in fact he is not receiving cost for his milk to let him tell the story. Feed, labor, wagons, cans, all cost 100 per cent more than two years ago, claim the farmer. The city distributors declare solemnly that they cannot afford to sell milk any less unless the farmer reduces his cost price. Wagons, trucks, drivers, bottles, sterilization and pasteurization, ice all cost double what they did two years ago. Collections are slow and money is tight, so the distributor claims he is not receiving as much profit proportionately as do his drivers.

There is an outcry to prosecute the farmers criminally. It is doubtful if any jury would convict a man for declining to sell his product for less than it costs to produce.

Another portion of the community would have the public confiscate the herds and dairies of the farmers and the distributing plants and operate them as a public charge and at public expense. Experience with governmental operated railroads impels the prediction that instead of lower price for milk, public milk control and operation would result in still higher prices and poorer service, if not quality.

It is a serious problem and will worry the wisest of statesmen.

Debt on St. Bernard's Seminary to be Wiped Out.

The pastoral letter of Bishop Thomas F. Hickey addressed to the priests of the diocese was read in the churches of the diocese last Sunday.

A jubilee testimonial week by from January 26th to February 10th, as a commemoration of the silver jubilee of St. Bernard's Seminary, includes in its program the raising of at least \$100,000 toward lifting the present indebtedness which rests on the seminary buildings and properties. Of this amount \$60,000 is apportioned to the Rochester deanery, in which about three-fifths of the population of the diocese lives. Each of the other four deaneries has pledged itself to raise \$10,000 and as much more as possible.

The priests of the diocese have subscribed already more than \$55,000, so at the close of the campaign, which will have for its slogan, "over the top," the authorities of the diocese hope to have the total indebtedness of about \$225,000 wiped out.

We shall see very soon if the Anti-Saloon League is also an Anti-Catholic League.

War is now over and hereafter state laws will govern where enforcement of labor laws are concerned.

What is the use of expensive governmental and state employment agencies if work cannot be found in Rochester for only 300 returned soldiers? Where is the patriotism of our employers?

Would one central distributing agency for milk reduce the cost or improve the quality? If so let us have one central agency.

United States Senator James W. Wadsworth has his nerve with him all right. Says he will not stultify himself for all the senatorships in the United States.

The New York State papers do not appear over enthusiastic over nation-wide prohibition.

The peace conference has a man-sized job on its hands all right. The President is also learning what "back-stairs diplomacy" really means.

Would municipal ownership control and distribution of milk lower the cost or improve the quality?

That lady state industrial commissioner does not appear to be altogether popular in some quarters.

If Mr. Burleson's restrictions only would restrict or eliminate such nauseous publications as "The Menace" why, then we would not register any protest. But it only tends to restrict many publications which should be encouraged.

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Nazareth Alumnae Will Hold A Victory Dinner.

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The preparations being made by the executive committee of Nazareth Alumnae Association and the president, Miss Gertrude Woodcock, seems to insure the success of the alumnae dinner this year. This annual function, omitted last year through public spiritedness, will now be given as a Victory Party. It is expected that the attendance this year will far surpass that of former reunions. Personal invitations are being issued to the alumnae for Tuesday evening, February 4. The committee of arrangement looks for a full response from the local membership of the alumnae as well as from the alumnae of other cities. The function will be held at Nazareth Academy on Lake Avenue.

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