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It Is Well.

Whether it be but a grudging concession to aroused public sentiment; whether it be a clever sequence to the President's plea for social justice and designed for effect in the presidential campaign of 1924; nevertheless, Judge Gary's declaration that the eight hour day in the steel industry is bound to come and that in the near future.

Undoubtedly, Judge Gary is right when he says that the change cannot come at once but must come gradually else the great industry might be demoralized. Of course, one may think that possibly the change would and could be nearer had the steel magnates woken up earlier but a bad start is better than no start.

Perhaps, Bishop Brent, of Buffalo was misquoted when he declared the Ten Commandments should be rooted out of the Episcopal Prayer Book. We hope so. He is too big a man to have made such a rash statement.

Scathing.

A scathing indictment of a great nation, supposedly a Christian and enlightened nation, is found in the following editorial in the Rochester "Times Union": "The international conference to limit the opium traffic to the bare necessities of medical use failed because of the opposition of the British government. Upon that great government rests the odium of perpetuating this horrible business. It was revealed that Great Britain furnishes the capital to the Indian poppy grower without interest. Its revenues from this source increased 47 per cent. in the last 10 years. What this means in the increase of human misery and degradation, to say nothing of economic loss, may be left to the imagination.

The illegitimate traffic in narcotic drugs can be suppressed. It is a task easier than the prohibition of alcoholic drinks. The opium producing poppy grows in but a few areas of the globe. It is said that at present the cultivation of the poppy is practically unlimited in these countries.

The opium business is truly an international affair. Relatively small amounts of this drug are needed for medical purposes. The average doctor will not prescribe a hundred grains per year. The money is made in the illegal branch of the trade. Widest publicity ought to be given to the fact that the British government provides the opium grower with the stock in trade and shares the profits of the business. To encourage greater and greater production in the face of the knowledge of the actual needs of the medical world is to become a party to a

Hard Hitting.

Doubleday, Page & Company is a well-known publishing firm, one of whose members was the late Ambassador to England, so well liked by the anglophiles. The firm has incurred criticism because of its featurings attacks on "the Polish Jews" in a book by Burton J. Hendrick.

Louis Marshall, the noted lawyer, hits the firm hard in an open letter of recent date. Space forbids reproduction of more than the following opening paragraphs:—

"June 23, 1923. "F. N. Doubleday, Esq., President, Doubleday Page & Co. Garden City, N. Y.

"Dear Sir: Although my letter addressed to you on January 26th, February 8th and February 21st, 1923, called your attention to a number of circulars and advertisements issued by your firm relating to a series of articles published in the World's Work written by Mr. Burton J. Hendrick and entitled "The Jews in America," which, as I tried to show, contained covert charges against the Jews which were absolutely false and certain to prove mischievous, the only answer which I have thus far been able to extract from you has been a statement that you do not feel competent to discuss the subject and that if you attempted to do so 'we would get nowhere.' My letters were couched in courteous terms. They sought to prove to you as they would to any fair-minded man, how unwarranted your insinuations were, and to demonstrate the injustice inflicted upon a large body of industrious and conscientious men and women who were maliciously or ignorantly maligned.

"Instead of being deterred from continuing your objectionable methods of advertising these articles, you have just published them in book form, and to aggravate the offense against good taste and decency the jacket in which the book is sold, referring to the Polish Jews of this country, contains this query: "With their un-American creed, will they ever be absorbed into the American Commonwealth?"

"This interrogation emanates from the publisher. It is intended to bait the hook with which to catch gudgeons. It is lago-like in its surliness and in its purpose to inspire the feeling of hatred among those who harken to your words.

"What do you mean when you refer to their 'un-American creed'? How long is it that, under our form of government, one citizen may hold up to contempt the creed of another, or question his liberty of conscience or the free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession and worship?"

President Harding recognizes the grave danger to the continuance of the Republic which lies in the fomenting of religious hatred.

Don't Be Afraid.

Do not be afraid to say "the expense is too great."

Follow the advice of an unnamed contemporary:—

"If something is proposed by a member of your crowd, and it is too expensive for you, do not be afraid to say so.

You might better say it is too much for your purse rather than go in debt for something beyond your income limit. To do the things that others do, especially when the company is congenial, is much to be desired but if you must twist and turn and squeeze and constantly worry to do as your friends do, is the enjoyment worth it? You are going fast toward that time when an old man will demand a living of you, and at your present rate that old man—yourself—will be poverty stricken.

Send us your job printing.

Right Idea.

The editor who wrote the following has outlined a fine programme of minding one's own business, in which occupation nearly all the twenty-four hours in the day may be used up:—

"The editor does not want anyone to send him any more copies of his paper in which mistakes are found," complains a Missouri exchange. "If they find a perfect copy, however, he will pay a big price for it. If the fool critic who hunts for mistakes in newspapers would find them all, he would be kept busy. We will be pleased to buy copies of any paper which can be proven entirely free of errors, either typographically or in statement of fact. We will be pleased to find a merchant who never made a mistake putting up an order; a lawyer who never lost a case through his own errors; a doctor who never wrongly diagnosed a case; a druggist who never made a mistake; a post-office official who never put mail in the wrong box; a woman who never forgot to put in salt while she was cooking or to put tea in the teapot before putting in the water. Bring in some of your mistakeless paragons who find it so easy to criticize the newspapers, and we'll give 'em the chance of their lives to find out whether they are really human."

No political campaign will succeed that has religious or race prejudice as the chief plank in its platform.

Shelby, Montana, is not likely to be coaxed again into making extravagant bid for the exploitation of champion pugilists.

Why the epidemic of elevator accidents in Rochester the last few weeks?

Susan B. Anthony, like many another prophet, went down to the grave ere she saw the fruition of her hopes.

How time flies! Again an Industrial exposition is upon us. Likewise another municipal campaign.

Rev. James E. Fergusson has been designated by Bishop Turner to succeed Rev. Luke Sharkey as editor of the Catholic Union and Times.

Six Franciscans Are Ordained In St. Louis

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

St. Louis, July 9.—Six members of the Franciscan order were ordained priests by His Grace Archbishop Glendon at St. Anthony's Church. The newly ordained priests are the Rev. Felix Pudlowski, of St. Louis; Rev. Raphael Vonderhaar of Quincy, Ill.; Rev. Dominic Lemarche of Joliet, Ill.; Rev. Clement Martin of Omaha, Neb.; Rev. Maximilian Klotzbucher and Rev. Casimir Wisniewski both of Cleveland. Father Pudlowski celebrated his first solemn Mass in St. Anthony's Church, St. Louis, July 4, and each of the others celebrated in his home city July 2.

London, Southwark Borough Council, by a unanimous vote, has put on record its appreciation of the social labors of Alderman Father O'Meara, who has been appointed to a new clerical post by the Bishop of the diocese.

Catholic Women's Federation Will Hold Annual Picnic

The annual basket picnic of the Catholic Women's Federation will be held next Tuesday, July 17th at Ontario Beach Park picnic grounds No. 1. Games and contests will be played and there will be plenty of candy, peanuts and orangeade. A number of prizes will be distributed. The committee consists of members from the various parishes who are affiliated with the Federation. Come and bring the kiddies.

Civil War Vets Denounce Actions Of Ku Klux Klan

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Columbus, O., July 2.—Ohio Veterans of the Civil War, meeting here recently under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic, vigorously denounced the Ku Klux Klan.

"The Ku Klux Klan preaches the gospel of hate," declared the Department Commander Saltz-gaber. "It plans to undo the work of the Civil War by disfranchising the negro and putting him back in slavery."

"I am astonished that any great portion of the citizenship of this great country should ally itself with the Ku Klux Klan," said Commander-in-chief of the Grand Army Willett. "The Ku Klux Klan as organized at the close of the Civil War perpetrated every damnable, cursed crime of which man is capable. God forbid that the Grand Army of the Republic or any organization of free people should kneel to its encroachments. They say, 'Protect your women from the negro' and at the same time have not the nerve or hardihood to expose their faces in the open."

"The Ku Klux Klan says it is the only 100 per cent American organization in the United States, and I have been berated, scolded and abused by that organization because I assail it in the open. I have answered, 'Come out and sit in the open with me and my neighbors who are known as good citizens. Then let us find out if your condition verifies your statement that you are 100 per cent American.'

"The organization is a money grabbing scheme gotten up by promoters to get the dollars. I say this as an American and as a Union soldier, believing what I say is in strict accord with the principles for which you and I fought."

"I am ashamed of any minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ who would permit any hooded and gowned body to enter his church during the hour of worship or at any other hour to lay down money at the pulpit with which to buy the church," declared Reverend Charles W. Blodgett, Cincinnati, past department commander and a retired minister of the M. E. Church.

Chicago Catholics Extending Work In Behalf Of Boys

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Chicago, Ill., July 9.—The principles of the Big Brother organization of the Holy Name Society in helping boys to become good citizens have been expanded to extend to all boys in Chicago, through an organization perfected yesterday by Judge Charles F. McKinley of the Boy's Court. Many Catholics prominent in welfare work are directors in the city wide movement, to protect boys from the perils of "the first arrest."

The first step will be to provide a place of detention where boys, arrested, may be held. They are now confined in the police stations or the county jails in company with hardened criminals. Another step will be to represent these boys in court, and a third will be to parole them to a member of the organization for proper supervision, counsel, and help after their release.

The cooperation of the police department has been assured by Chief Collins, and it is expected that as an outcome, every boy in the city will be given his chance to become a good citizen.

Pittsburg, The Rev. Thomas F. Coakley, D. D., has been appointed irremovable rector of the Sacred Heart Church here.

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, July 15.—St. Henry, Emperor, moved by a vision, prepared for death at the end of six years. When that period had elapsed, Henry, then Duke of Bavaria, was elected Emperor. He devoted the resources of his empire to the honor of God and the service of the Church. In 1022 Henry lay on his bed of death. He gave back to her parents his wife, St. Cunegunda, a virgin still, as a virgin he had received her from Christ."

Monday, July 16.—St. Simon Stock, was born in the county of Kent, England. He lived as a hermit in a hollow tree for twenty years. Later entering the Order of Our Lady of Mount Carmel he was chosen Prior-General. He died at Bordeaux in 1265.

Tuesday, July 17.—St. Alexius, the son of a noble Roman parent, lived as a mendicant in his father's house for seventeen years, having returned to Rome as a beggar unrecognized by relatives or friends. Only after his death was his identity revealed. He died early in the fifth century.

Wednesday, July 18.—St. Camillus of Lellis, at the age of nineteen took service with his father, an Italian noble, against the Turks and after four years of campaigning found himself, less habits, and inveterate passions for gambling a discharged soldier in a straightened circumstance. A few words from a Capuchin friar brought about his conversion and he decided to enter the religious life. He was ordained and formed the community of the Servants of the Sick which was confirmed in 1686 by the Pope. He died in 1614.

Thursday, July 19.—St. Vincent de Paul, who was born in 1576, devoted his life to the care of the poor and the instruction of the rich in the ways of charity. Soon after his ordination he was captured by corsairs and carried into Barbary where he converted his renegade master and with him escaped to France. The Saint was made chaplain-general of the galleys of France where his charity brought hope into those prisons where only despair had reigned before.

Friday, July 20.—St. Margaret, virgin and martyr, suffered at Antioch in Pisidia in the last general persecution. She is said to have been prosecuted by her own father, a pagan priest, and after many torments, to have gloriously finished her martyrdom by the sword.

Saturday, July 21.—St. Victor, martyr, was an officer in the army of the Emperor Maximian. Because of his perseverance in the faith and particularly because of his exhortation to the Christians of Marseilles after the slaughter of the Theban Legion, he was put to death after frightful tortures.

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