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ONLY SUBSIDY

Every so often somebody urges newspapers are "subsidized" to represent the "Robber Barons of Capital" on some special interest in contradistinction to championship of the rights of the dear public.

Of course the charge is false. In the older days there were "party papers" which chaperoned the cause and platform of their particular party but there are precious few of these and of those who survive their news columns as least, are non-partisan.

As the Rochester Herald truly says:

"The only subsidy that a newspaper can afford to accept is the subsidy of the thousands who buy it. That is an evidence of confidence that the publisher cannot afford to lose and that is the very foundation of his business, representing far more intrinsic worth than his machinery or building and the basis for calculation of his paper's advertising value. A newspaper's only hope of success lies in maintaining the confidence of its readers. It has become a greater success only by becoming a better purveyor of news, by more intelligent editorial comment and by thus inducing more people to "subsidize" it with their patronage.

Advertisers do not subsidize a newspaper; they only pay for the publicity which the people's subsidy places within their reach. While it is true that no newspaper may live without advertising, it is equally true that advertising depends on the confidence of the public. Thus, the "subsidy" that is so much babbled about is in reality a subsidy of the people.

"If the people who cry "subsidy" will lay aside their prejudice and let their reason work, they will discover that a newspaper publisher would be indulging in most disastrous folly to accept a subsidy from any selfish interest. There have been such fools, but their newspaper life has been brief."

UNFORTUNATE

It is to be hoped that by the time this issue of the Catholic Journal reaches is readers some sense may have come to the warring people of the Pennsylvania coal neighborhood.

There is no possible excuse, whether wages or union recognition, that can justify preventing the American public from securing their winter's supply of coal.

Neither mine operator or union miner can justify to the public that public's freezing and dying is necessary just to save the union man's face or to lose off the pride of the mine operator.

The way to win public sentiment is to continue on at work, mining coal, leaving to a carefully selected committee the task of arranging a just, amicable settlement as to wages and controversies.

If this were the course pursued the public would force acceptance of a decent compromise scale.

Why should not the cost of street paving be assessed on the entire city at large, upon all taxpayers large and small, instead of upon the owners of property adjoining the improvement, many of which do not own autos and never would wear out the pavement?

TWO SIDES

A local paper publishes this wail from an indignant reader:—

"Will you please publish this message in your letters from readers column:

Ye white collared slaves, rebell! Do not forever submit to the curse of the white collar. The old-fashioned, unhealthful, uncomfortble, white collar is in extremely bad taste. It is not good looking. Who can deny it? Athletic men and women are the best looking. The white collar looks very stupid and detracts much from the athletic poise.

Demand of fashion better, modern, progressive, comfortable, healthful neckwear. It is as important, indeed more important, than the League of Nations. Your everyday efficiency and happiness is reduced five per cent, at least, by the white collar. Every man secretly hates it. When the public makes itself heard its wishes are fulfilled. Come, everybody kick!—A White Collar Slave.

In hot weather the soft collar may be comfortable—not one, in ten looks neat or tidy — both points upturned, with cravat drooping or unconfined and flopping every which way. The average soft collar looks just what it was intended for—sport use, negligee or morning office wear. The white collar may not be comfortable in sultry weather but on most days its wearer looks well dressed, not slovenly attired.

SHOULD NOT BE

No matter whether there is a coal strike or not, there is one condition attendant upon mining in Pennsylvania, Alabama and in West Virginia that should no longer be tolerated or permitted in any state or in the nation. This condition must exist or Rev. John Ryan, of the National Catholic Welfare Council would not sign a report that it does exist viz: compelling miners to live in company-owned houses and proscribing who may visit the miner or his family and forbidding all others to use or travel the streets or highways in the company's town. Here is a section of the lease exacted from its miners by the W. J. Rainey, Inc, of Pennsylvania:

The Rainey lease, allowing the passage of physicians, moving van men and undertakers, reads, in part, as follows:

"The lessee hereby further agrees . . to do no act or thing, nor suffer or cause the same to be done, whereby any person or persons may be invited or allowed to go upon said premises, or upon said private ways or roads, or upon other grounds of the lesser, except physicians attending the lessee and his family; teamsters or draymen moving lessee and his family belongings into said premises or away from the same, and undertakers with hearses, carriages and drivers, and friends in case of death of the lessee or any member of his family."

TO BOOK

The following extracts from an editorial in a non Catholic daily seem to epitomize the feeling of the average fair minded citizen toward the latest phase of the age old ebullition of religious bigotry:

The evidence seems to show that the Klan sought and obtained the charters under the benevolent orders act in the hope that in this way it could evade the Walker law, which would compel it to file with the Secretary of State full lists of its members, its constitution, objects, by-laws, meeting places and other data bearing on its activities. In fact, some of its leaders did not hesitate to make the boast that they had found a way to beat the law and that its membership lists would never be made public. Some time has elapsed since the charter was obtained, but during that time the Attorney General has been making a careful study of the case against the Order and has become convinced that it has acted in open defiance of the law.

The prosecution of the Klan and of the Kamelia will be carried on at Albany and the proceedings will be watched with interest the country over. New York is the first of the States to attempt to force the Klan into the open by compelling it to make public its membership, as well as its secrets. Should the action succeed, as it doubtless will, the example will probably be followed by other states that have suffered and are suffering from the work of the un-American organization, founded on racial and religious hatreds.

The Klan is having trouble elsewhere. Secession from its ranks is rampant in Georgia, where it has made its headquarters. Charges of squandering its funds to the extent of more than a million dollars have been laid before a court at Atlanta, with a petition that the order be thrown into the hands of a receiver. Never had this secret organization any excuse for existence in the South, in the North or any other section of the country, except the financial gain of its organizers. Under the Walker law, rigidly enforced, it will soon be wiped out in this state, at least, and similar laws in other states would visit upon it the ignoble fate it richly deserves.

Dr. James Eade Howe suggests an international organization of hoboes would surely bring about universal peace. How nice!

Albany, Aug. 26—Only 1 per cent of the factory workers in New York State were given increases in wages in July. B. L. Shientag, industrial commissioner, announced today. Average earnings last month were $27.54, a drop of 33 cents since June. Only six of the industry divisions reported increases, and twenty-one reported decreases. In half of the divisions there was practically no change.

Will Governor Smith think the threatened coal strike and home rule for cities sufficient excuse to call a special session of the Legislature?

President Coolidge appears to know how to attend to official business without frequent Cabinet meetings

One objector finds fault that he cannot figure what party Henry Ford stands for. There are those of us who have our doubts as to what the parties stand for.

School days are upon us once again.

The more one reads and studies Bishop Hickey's latest letter on Catholic Education, the more generous he must necessarily be toward the proposed Aquinas Institute.

There are some persons in Rochester who are exceedingly too close on the buy and extremely high on the sell. They take every last cent and then take two weeks off to boost for Rochester's wonderful community spirit! These persons are Charter Members of the Gimme Club

The man who listens well and says little is likely to travel far.

The public is not so much concerned with the private affairs of the miners and operators, but whether we will be short of coal in the coming winter.

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Sunday, September 9. — St. Omer, bishop, was born toward the close of the sixth century is the territory of Constance of an wealthy and noble family. After the death of his mother he entered the monastery of Luxen, whither he persuaded his father to follow him, after his parent had sold his worldly goods and distributed the proceeds among the poor. He was called from his solitude to take charge of the government of the Church in Terouenne and through his efforts the diocese soon became one of the most flourishing in France. He died in 670.

Monday, September 10.—St. Nicholas of Tolentino, born in answer to the prayers of a holy mother and promised before his birth to the service of God, never lost his baptismal innocence. His austerities were conspicuous even in the austere order, the Hermits of St. Augustine, to which he belonged. He died in 1310.

Tuesday, September 11.—St. Paphnutius, Bishop, was an Egyptian who, after having spent several years in the desert under the direction of St. Antony, was made Bishop of Upper Thebais. He lost his right eye in the persecutions under Maximin Daus. At the Council of Nice his advice was greatly sought after and he was often called into private conference with Constantine the Great. He also took part in the Council of Tyre and strenuously combatted the Arian heresy.

Wednesday, September 12.—St. Guy of Anderlecht left his humble home in Brussels to seek greater poverty and closer union with God. About the year 1033 foreseeing that his end was, near, he returned to Anderlecht in his own country. When he died a light shone round his head and a voice was heard proclaiming his eternal reward.

Thursday, September 13.—St. Eulogius, Patriarch of Alexandia, was a Syrian by birth and while quite young embraced the monastic life in that country. He remained steadfast in the Faith during the confusion of the Eutychian heresy. He was a close friend of St. Gregory the Great and several letters written by the latter, to St. Eulogius are still extant. He died in 606.

Friday, September 14.—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ.-Constantine was still wavering between Christianity and idolatry when a luminous cross appeared to him in the heavens bearing the inscription, "In this shalt thou conquer". He became a Christian and triumphed over his enemies. A few years later, his saintly mother having found the Cross on which Our Savior suffered, the feast of the Exaltation was established in the Church. Later on, however, after the Emperor Heraclius had recovered this precious relic from Crosroes, King of Persia, into whose hands it had fallen, the feast of the "Finding" was instituted in memory of the discovery of St. Helena and that of the Exaltation was reserved to celebrate the recovery by Heraclius.

Saturday, September 15.—St. Catherine of Genoa, the daughter of noble and wealthy parents, was extremely beautiful. After a marriage to a nobleman of dissolute habits, who treated her crully, she somewhat relaxed the strictness of her life and entered into the worldly society of Genoa. At length, enligh tened by divine grace as to the danger of her state, she broke with the world and gave herself up to a life of rigorous penance and prayer. A long and grievous malady during the last years of her life only served to perfect her union with God. She died in 1510.

OPPORTUNITY

Opportunity grows more exacting, as Old Father Time jogs along,
In his every day gait, midst laughter and song.
Gone are the hoof clattering days, when through curiosity's pane,
You'd see bridled and saddled, his riderless horse down the lane.
Now with the ratchet of time, he adds two to his score,
He steps on the gas, or he flies o'er your door.
When you hear the engine's chug, whirring the wings of his plane,
To opportunity's airdrome beat it, in the nick of time entrain.
And he whisks you to fame and fortune, futurity's open book is won,
Like the birds of passage, following the receding sun.
Pause and you're lost, turned is your picture towards the wall,
With scarlet tape entwined, discrimination spoils it all.
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