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God Advice.

When Bishop Muldoon, of Rockford, Ill., Chairman of the social service section of the National Catholic Welfare Council, talks on economic questions, the country, irrespective of race or creed, have come to take notice. Hence the following excerpts from a recent interview had with Bishop Muldoon by George Butt, representing the Newspaper Enterprise Association, are of more than passing interest:—

"Generous concessions, instead of grudging submission to force is the spirit needed to bring industrial peace," said the Bishop.

"An employer once said to me, 'My painters plan to strike for a rate of 17 cents an hour, and I can't pay it.'"

"Well, volunteer an increase. I advised him. 'Admit that business has picked up and tell them you want them to share your prosperity. Offer them 12 cents an hour. You can afford that.'"

"Why should I give anything to those fellows?" he objected. "They're out to cripple my business."

"Finally he went to them with his offer. They accepted. They were grateful and took a new interest in the work, quite different from the attitude a strike would have caused."

"Employers also must abandon distrust of their men and secretiveness in regard to business," the Bishop declared. "They must be ready to open their books when they go into a wage conference. The workers must acknowledge faults frankly, be honest enough to dethrone bad leaders and insist upon competent and educated men for important union posts. Each group must be willing to understand the other's viewpoint, and both must recognize the rights of the community as a third partner."

"If labor would agree not to strike for a year and would spend that time investigating the troubles of the employer, it would be of tremendous value in improved understanding," said the Bishop. "Capital should spend that same year, of course, in studying the workman's side. 'The final summary of the way to solve our problem is this: You must bring the spirit of Jesus Christ into the hearts of employers and into the hearts of the workers.'"

They say there is no law on coal profiteering. Every dealer a law unto himself, eh? The realtor, the coal man, the ice man, the plumber and the grocer, et al., all are included.

Why join the League of Nations or cancel our European war debts? The thirty spendthrifts from the United States will soon pay off the war debts of the European countries.

Reduce number of dance steps, reduce number of styles in shoes and clothes, reduce all along the cost of living, which is the only way to get the same or a little better for the same or a little less.

Unbiased View.

The Philadelphia "Ledger" cannot by any means be classed as a Catholic publication. It is a great secular daily and conservative in its views. For this reason, the Ledger's strictures, as follows on the Ku Kluxers carries weight:—

"The Ku Klux Klan, enjoined by the courts in New York, mobbed in Ohio and the center of a rising tide of race antagonism in Delaware and other states, is neither chastened nor dismayed. It has bought Valparaiso University, an institution established many years ago to extend professional education to the masses and will reorganize it as a temple of Klan Kultur. The place will be called National University."

"It would be diverting to sit down and compose a yell of unprecedented savagery for this new seat of learning, to wonder whether its athletic teams will lynch triumphant competitors or merely tar and feather them. But the Klan is too irritating to be treated with levity. It remains the most atrocious caricature of an ideal, the haldest system for commercialization of sentiment and the most efficient hate-making machine devised in the United States."

"What will they do to American history at the Klan college? Will they ever be aware that tolerance was supposed to be the great virtue of American people, who really were Americans or that it was the quality of hearts and mind that made the Republic what it is? Probably not."

"The Klan leaders who have grown rich through the weakness of subnormal bigots for parade and vicious foolery are shrewd. But they are far from being wise. They are capitalizing and encouraging the basest elements in ignorant men and women to increase the revenues of a business corporation in Atlanta."

"It might be fair to inquire whether at National University in Valparaiso, Ind., there will be a technical department to develop tractors and road-rolling machines as lethal weapons for use against enemies of the Klan in the manner made historic at Mer Rouge, La. Whether because of the undesirable publicity achieved which might deter students from desire to hold a Ku Klux diploma or from inability to raise the necessary cash, it is announced that the Klan has abandoned its announced intention to purchase and operate Valparaiso University."

The war has made some new and prosperous nations in Europe—later on to engage in war upon each other.

Good News—And Bad.

Readers of the Catholic Journal know now that the hope expressed by this paper last week that amicable adjustment of the coal strike could be arrived at speedily has been realized.

Under the gentle or otherwise persuasion of Governor Pinchot, the miners and operators have agreed to resume mining this week, and to leave to a joint committee the formulation of a new agreement and wage scale. This is as it should be and it should have been so arranged without any cessation of work at the Mines.

There is one undesirable feature. The 10 per cent increase in wages to the miners is to be passed on to the coal consumer at the rate of about 10 for one. The 10 per cent wage increase is to cost the ultimate consumer from \$1.50 to \$1.75 a ton more for his winter's coal supply.

The next logical step is enactment of law otherwise that when the miners wages are increased 40 or 50 cents a day that price of coal shall not be increased to exceed 75 cents such proportion maintained in all future controversies.

Don't Fall

They must have some queer solicitors in Brooklyn. Else why this lot shot from the Brooklyn "Tablet"?—

No canvasser should be given permission to enter an office building or department store to hold up Catholics. Those who claim to be seminarians and say you are not a good Catholic because you won't submit to their sob stuff should be booted down the stairs as should those who "sell" indulgences and masses with each subscription. Good Catholic papers and magazines are built up by good methods, not by strong-arm tactics or misrepresentation. Be sure the Catholic periodical comes recommended, be sure you will read it, be sure the solicitor uses only honorable means, then subscribe if you care to, but don't in any way submit to gunman's methods.—The Tablet, Brooklyn. Subscribe for your home Catholic paper; Support it; Advertise in it and then you will be building up a strong supplement to the priest and pulpit.

Politics.

In this great American country everything savors more or less of politics. Municipal improvements; whether we shall install new public baths, parks or schools; election of officers in most of the fraternal societies, the club affairs—both men and women; in short politics enters into everything. Intelligent action and discussion is desirable in every movement. If political activity helps to achieve such result, then politics is on high level.

But when partisan prejudice, racial differences, creedal likes and dislikes, personal jealousy, where all these are brought into play and emotion engulfs reason then it is time to call a halt and boot politics and politicians out of the door.

We have in mind several fine social-fraternal-business organizations that are disintegrating because the semblance of political practices have been permitted to hamper good business management.

Pretty soon our subway will be in operation and Rochester will be in the Greater New York class.

The National Council of Catholic Women will be held in Washington, D. C., September 30th to October 4th.

A writer in a Catholic exchange likens the growing number of "laymen's retreats" to "training camps for the Militia of Christ."

Well, the Genesee peach crop just now appears to be normal, for which let us be thankful.

The coal miners will receive a increase in wages and we will pay double that increase in added coal bill this winter.

Well, another Rochester Exposition has come and gone and of course that of 1923 was "the best ever."

Heartly congratulations to the Democrat and Chronicle on the completion of its new and palatial home. The D & C has honorable old age and a record of splendid service to the community. May it continue on for years to come!

Rev. Walter McCarthy is pushing things in his new St. Ambrose parish. A fine Church edifice was added to the growing list of Rochester Catholic Churches last Sunday.

Not a Catholic agency but a department of the Interchurch survey, representing 80 Protestant sects reports "Lack of religious training of the young is Protestantism's weak point."

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Sunday, Sept. 16.—St. Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr, was an African of noble birth but, in his youth, of evil life. In middle life he was converted to Christianity and shortly after his baptism was ordained a priest and soon thereafter made Bishop of Carthage. Driven from the city during the persecution of Decius, he was later recalled and sentenced to death. He was beheaded in 258 and buried with great solemnity.

Monday, Sept. 17.—St. Lambert, Bishop and Martyr, was a native of Maestricht. His father entrusted his education to the Bishop St. Theodard and when the latter was assassinated, Lambert was chosen to succeed him. He was later driven from his See by disturbances of a political nature and retired to the monastery of Stavelo where he spent his time in strict observance of the rule of that institution. He was later driven from his See by disturbances of a political nature and retired to the monastery of Stavelo where he spent his time in strict observance of the rule of that institution. He was finally restored to his see but was assassinated in 709 as a result of his zeal in suppressing disorders.

Tuesday, Sept. 18.—St. Thomas of Villanova, the glory of the Spanish Church in the sixteenth century, was born A. D. 1488. Charles V listened to the Saint as to an oracle. Then he had been made Bishop of Valencia, two-thirds of his annual episcopal revenues were given to the poor. He died in 1555.

Wednesday, Sept. 19.—St. Janarius, Martyr, died for the Faith in the persecution under Diocletian. He was Bishop of Beneventum. Because he and other ecclesiastics were active in visiting Christians who had been thrown into prison and in making converts to the Faith, they were exposed to the wild beasts but were miraculously preserved from harm. Finally they were beheaded. The blood of the Saint congealed in two vials, melts when brought near the martyr's head. The relics are preserved in the Cathedral of Naples.

Thursday, Sept. 20.—Sts. Eustachius and Companions, Martyrs. St. Eustachius was a distinguished officer in the Roman army under Trajan. Losing his honors and wealth because of his conversion to Christianity, he was later sought out by the Emperor and placed in command of troops sent against the barbarians who had invaded the empire. Returning victorious he was reunited with his wife and children but when he still refused to sacrifice to the heathen gods the Emperor ordered him and his wife to be exposed to two starved lions. The beasts did not harm them, however, and the Emperor thereupon had the two martyrs placed inside a brazen bull under which a fire was lighted and in this horrible manner they were roasted to death.

Friday, September 21.—St. Matthew, Apostle, was a publican whose duty it was to collect taxes from the people for their Roman masters. He became a follower of Our Lord and after the Ascension remained for several years in Judea where he wrote his Gospel.

Saturday, Sept. 22.—The Theban Legion, when encamped near Lake Geneva were ordered by the Emperor Maximian to turn their swords against the Christian population. They refused to obey this order and were finally massacred, making no resistance although they were fully armed.

The open season for politicians is now on. Many appear to be willing to go on the public pay roll but only a few can be chosen. Subscribe for the Catholic Journal

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