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Generous

Rochesterians must be a generous people.

"Drivers" to raise what, before the war, would have been listed as enormous amounts, impossible to achieve, are the order of the day.

Every cause, every religious denomination or sect, every uplift movement, every institution, is appealing for funds in addition to the annual canvass for the Community Chest.

And the appeals are responded to in a truly generous, yet magnificent manner, which shows our people are prosperous and generous.

The appeal just now that is nearest and dearest to our hearts is that made by Bishop Hickey for the new Aquinas Institute—that the Catholic boys of Rochester and Monroe County may have a fully equipped, and adequate high school, free to all and with tuition fees a thing of the past.

It is a worthy cause and one with which we can all be proud to be identified. We can afford to be generous. We should be generous. We will be generous and raise the full quota asked.

Let Us Have Peace!

Municipal election of 1923 is over. The people have spoken and registered their will. Let us accept their verdict and proceed about our daily business in orderly manner.

Not in recent years has there been a campaign so redolent of personalities, vicious attacks and diatribes as that just closed.

The minority, rather than the "outs" availed themselves of campaign privileges and charged the "ins" with all sorts of misdeeds. The "ins" defended themselves with vigor and made counter-attack of similar import.

Ward meetings, noonday rallies, newspaper advertising and lithograph and bill board publicity, all were employed to the limit so that the voting public could not plead ignorance of the issues involved and the personal attributes of the candidates on the several tickets.

The people went to the polls and signified their choice of officials to govern them for the next two years. Now let us have peace!

Welsh to the Front

Just at present the Welsh are in the limelight. Lloyd George's "triumphal tour" of the United States and Canada, sponsored in large part by Secretary of Labor James J. Davis, himself born in Wales—and the coincidence of renewed efforts to intervene in Europe to the advantage of Great Britain made by Secretary of State Charles Evans Hughes—a Welsh-American with the plaudits of thousands of Welsh ancestors, all center attention upon this virile nation of the British population.

There are those who think the coalition referred to may be strengthened and strengthened by the nomination and possible election as President of the United States of the Welsh-American Secretary of State who made a try for the White House in 1916.

As such an event, Hughes, Lloyd George and James J. Davis would form a world combination.

Names of several gentlemen found on the local page of every city paper in the last few weeks will now rest in the morgue of "also-rans" for job printing.

Well Put

The Rochester Herald very cleverly analyzes the genesis and underlying strength of the mysterious Presidential boon for Henry Ford, that is gathering momentum in the face of no support, instead marked hostility from the old political parties. In a recent editorial the "Herald" says:

The outcry for Henry Ford for President is not an intelligent outcry, but it is unquestionably strong and lusty in some sections of the country. It is unreasonable, but it is popular. It does not carry appeal to nonpartisan students of affairs. Even Mr. Ford's staunch friend, Mr. Edison, feels that Henry would be a failure in the White House, if not a positive danger. But believers in political miracles, enthusiasts and hero worshippers can see no obstacles.

Mr. Ford's success as a President in the same measure as he has made a success of the automobile business. That is what is worrying the old parties very greatly, for they realize that popular sentiment is likely to be unreasoning sentiment, but powerful. "The strangeness of the situation arises from the fact that there is no fear of Mr. Ford as a statesman or a great man intellectually or as an organizer. But the old parties are without leaders. There are great issues, but no great men. In common with the rest of the world, we are without leaders at a time when great leaders are cried for. That is why Henry Ford seems a political Messiah to those who admit to dissatisfaction with the old parties and why they hope to see him duplicate on a national scale the miracle of the coaves and fishes.

"The enthusiasts who propose to nominate Mr. Ford will provide for him a platform of economic hysteria, delusion and wild imagination, and will carry on a campaign that will appeal to the hope and fancy of political millionaires, to a clan analogous to the Millerites, who waited in vain for the world to end. Behind these futile hopes there is a pathetic yearning for something better than the follies and failures of the old organizations, a groping for a better day. But the belief that Mr. Ford can create a new heaven and a new earth if elected to the Presidential chair is weak and futile. It is a fascinating idea, but a dangerous one.

Safety First

Caption of this article is familiar to all our readers because of the Safety campaigns waged persistently by national, state and local organizations during the last few years.

But it is a sad commentary that with increased population and increased production in industry more accidents than ever are reported. It is a matter of record that more industrial accidents have been reported in the Rochester district of the Bureau of Compensation Department of Labor during the last three months than during the war time peak, with one exception! Harry C. Brearly, in his book, "A Symbol of Safety" declares that "Our swiftly developing civilization thinks more of using than of safeguarding."

Possibly, the human equation is more careless than heretofore because it would seem that with all the new safeguards that are installed, if he users were careful accidents should, decrease not increase. All boys and girls are compelled by law to have a certain amount of higher education. There is no tuition fee in the public schools. In order to conserve their faith our boys and girls should be educated in Catholic schools. In order to compete on even terms the tuition fee must be abolished in our Catholic schools. The one double tax must suffice.

If money can be saved in construction of public buildings it should be saved. There is no more excuse for extravagance in disbursement of the tax-payers' money than in private funds.

Now that the city campaign is over what avenue of publicity is open to the Hon. Goodwin?

Well, we gave Lloyd George a fine busy stay in the United States.

Rochester should have as fine a Catholic High School as there is.

Dr. Bock now realizes how callous the heart of the average voter becomes after a few years pleasant inaction.

We now turn our attention to the presidential campaign of 1924.

Woodrow Wilson has sympathizers if not admirers.

To be or not to be—trackless trolleys. As they are here—guess they'll be here.

J. L. H. and H. W. R. can now resume their regular businesses for a while.

Laws Delays

"Law's Delays" and Laws Inconspicuously are two topics that furnish food for discussion in many quarters these days.

Hon. Cuthbert W. Pound, seasoned publicist and at present associate judge of the New York State Court of Appeals, spoke before the Rochester Bar Association the other day and took up both points.

Perhaps the most important evil to which he directed his attention was the delays and unnecessary expense that now attend litigation in New York state, and in other states for that matter. Judge Pound was pleased to report that through the enactment of the workman's compensation law and through definite rulings upon certain basic principles the Court of Appeals had been enabled almost to catch up with its calendar. And he suggested that if judges throughout the state sat for at least two hundred days a year on the bench court business might move more expeditiously than it does at present. He mentioned in this connection, of course, the always inexcusable but apparently irremediable nuisance of a certain group of attorneys who substitute their own for the court's convenience in delaying proceedings.

It was in his discussion of the need of keeping the interpretation of law in harmony with public opinion that Judge Pound revealed both his sound conservatism and his essential liberalism. It is not the duty of the courts to alter the essential principles of law; that is a legislative function, but it is the duty of the courts, as Judge Pound pointed out, in cases where the law is not explicit or where principles of equity apply, to take into consideration the advances that may have been made in sound public opinion.

A reasonable application of Judge Pound's principles and the election of more men of his stamp to high courts of the state would do much to alleviate the injustices that now may be ascribed to the law's delays and to the too careful regard of some courts for principles of equity long outlawed.

Mr. Hearst cannot be intending to run as a democrat candidate for Governor with his Rochester newspaper attacking Al. Smith and favoring Van Zandt for Mayor.

The new real entertainment will be in the Capital at Albany when the State Legislature is organized and ready for business.

Crimination and recrimination may now subside for a while.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS JOIN IN OBSERVANCE OF "FORGET-ME-NOT DAY"

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

Cincinnati, Nov. 2.—Catholic parochial and boarding schools are joining hands with the students of public schools throughout the United States in preparing for the observance of "National Forget-Me-Not Day", November 10. In many communities, entire classes of school children are making the little paper or cloth forget-me-nots to be distributed on November 10.

PRIEST DECORATED AFTER DEATH BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT

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

Paris, Oct. 26.—The President of the Republic has signed a decree awarding the cross of the Legion of Honor posthumously to the arch-priest of Peronne and 13 priests who died in the invaded regions during the German occupation. This honor is rendered to their memory because of their noble conduct and their acts of devotion during a period which was filled with trials for the country in which they exercised their pastoral ministry.

GUARD EXPOSED HICKEY PLOT

Loyalists Planned to End Revolutionary War by Murder or Capture of Leaders.

What is known as the "Hickey plot" was a conspiracy in 1776 of British officials and loyalists of New York to end the Revolutionary war by the murder or capture of its leaders and the seizure or destruction of its supplies. The heads and probable devisers of the plot were Governor Tryon, who had fled from the city, but remained on a man-of-war in the harbor and sent supplies of money for bribery, etc., and Mayor Mathews.

The scheme was to kill or seize the patriot generals and at all events to deliver Washington alive to Sir William Howe, blow up the magazine and secure the passes to the city. Two of Washington's guards were bought, but a third pretended to accede and revealed the plot. Mathews and a dozen others were arrested and sent to Connecticut, Mathews carrying the mayoralty flag with him. Thomas Hickey, one of the treacherous guards, was hanged in New York, the first military execution in the American army.

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Sunday, November 11.—St. Martin of Tours, when a mere boy became a Christian catechumen against the wishes of his parents. He was noted for his great charity to the poor. In 372 he became Bishop of Tours. His flock, though Christian in name, was still pagan in heart. Unarmed and attended only by his monks, St. Martin destroyed the heathen temples and groves and completed by his preaching and miracles the conversion of the people. His last eleven years were spent in humble toil to atone for his faults, while God made manifest by miracles the purity of his soul.

Monday, November 12.—St. Martin, Pope, occupied the Roman See from 649 to 655. Because of his opposition to the Monothelite heresy he incurred the enmity of the Byzantine court and was seized and taken on board a ship bound for Constantinople. After three months at sea he reached the island of Naxos where he was held in confinement for a year. He finally reached the Imperial Court and was then banished to the Tauric Chersonese where he lingered for four months in sickness and starvation and then died.

Tuesday, November 13.—St. Stanislas Kosta, was of a noble Polish family who went to Vienna to study at the Jesuit College there. Cured of an illness by Our Lady herself, he was obliged to leave Vienna and was admitted to the novitiate at Rome. He lived there only ten months and died as he had prayed to die on the feast of the Assumption, 1568 at the age of seventeen.

Wednesday, November 14.—St. Dildacus, was born in Spain in the middle of the fifteenth century. Entering the Order of St. Francis he remained a lay brother all of his life, perfect in his observance of the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. When he was sent by his superiors to the Canary Islands he hoped to win the crown of martyrdom but such was not God's will and after making many conversions by his holy example he returned to Spain. There after a long and painful illness he finished his days embracing the cross.

Thursday, November 15.—St. Gertrude, Abbess, was born in the year 1263 of a noble Saxon family and at the age of five was placed in the Benedictine Abbey of Rodelsdorf for education. Her life was crowded with wonder. She has, in obedience, recorded some of her visions, in which she traces in words of indescribable beauty the intimate converse of her soul with Jesus and Mary. She ruled her abbey with perfect wisdom and love for forty years.

Friday, November 16.—St. Edmund of Canterbury, left his home at Abingdon when twelve years old to study at Oxford. There he protected himself against many grievous temptations by a vow of chastity and by espousing himself to Mary for life. In 1234 he was raised to the See of Canterbury where he fearlessly defended the rights of the Church against the avarice and greed of Henry III. Unable to force that monarch to relinquish the livings which he kept vacant for the benefit of the royal treasury, Edmund retired into exile rather than connive at this wrong. He died shortly thereafter and was canonized in 1246 within four years of his death.

Saturday, November 17.—St. Gregory Thaumaturgus, was born in Pontus of heathen parents. He studied philosophy under the great Origen who led him to the true Faith. Later he was made Bishop of Neo-Caesarea. St. John the Evangelist appeared to him in a vision and gave him a creed which contained in all its fullness the doctrine of the Trinity. St. Gregory died in the year 270.

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