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Tit for Tat

Union musicians in Chicago are to refuse to play in radio broadcasting orchestras, not because of reduced wages or failure to advance wages but because the radio is reducing the number of employments the aforesaid union musicians are making.

We cannot see the consistency of logic in this reasoning. While it is true that there are a great many sets installed, that does not mean that every radio fan heretofore has engaged orchestras to give concert in their homes—far from it. Hence while it may appear plausible to the union musician that every radio set installed in a home should, in some way pay tribute to him, nevertheless that is false reasoning. You cannot lose something you never had.

It will be recalled that the old time band composers or typesetters were sure that the invention of the linotype would result in the absolute extinction of the man of woman as a factor in the preparation of newspaper for publication. Quite the reverse was the fact. More men than ever before are employed in typesetting and the machine has made it possible for many more persons to be employed than ever in the history of printing and publishing.

Quite likely the same will be true in the case of the radio. As interest in radio widens, more broadcasting stations will open and more musicians will be needed.

Of course, it is possible that the Union Musicians in Chicago are in league with the artists and manufacturers of "Canned Music", who are insisting that the radio manufacturers and dealers must pay royalties for all the selections broadcasted and those artists who refuse to be broadcasted—whether they are asked or not.

But radio will not be extinguished and music will be broadcasted despite the edict of the Chicago Union.

With the elevation of Archbishop Mundelein and Hayes to the cardinalate, four of the important Catholic centers of the United States are represented in the Sacred College. Boston by Cardinal O'Connell; Philadelphia by Cardinal Dougherty; Chicago by Cardinal Mundelein and New York by Cardinal Hayes. Baltimore, long the See of a Cardinal, now has none albeit it is one of the oldest sees in the country. The Pacific Coast has no representative in the Sacred College and never has, neither has Boston or Philadelphia before Cardinal O'Connell and Cardinal Dougherty. It is a matter of note that the late Archbishop John Williams, of Boston refused to be considered for the cardinalial purple before Cardinal Gibbons was named and the late Archbishop Patrick J. Ryan was "considered" because of the importance of his see. New York has had two Cardinals, Monsignors McCluskey and Farley. Had it not been for the foolish interference of a late President of the United States inspired by a well-intentioned busybody of a woman, the purple might have come to the late Archbishop Ireland.

\$100,000 or \$75,000 the unit of smart transactions.

New Yorkers should inquire into the relative benefits to the Empire of the development of the system. The New York farmer goes "unsight unseen" at the county fair or the circus.

Spattered

While it may be true that there has been a lot of irresponsible chatter received as evidence by the various Congressional Committees, nevertheless some of these witnesses have admitted complicity. At least in transactions that do not add credit to a man's general reputation even in a complaisant community.

The private secretary to the President bought and sold oil stocks, maintained close and confidential relations with Fall, McLean and the others mixed up in the Teapot Dome scandal.

Several Cabinet secretaries admit witnessing a private exhibition of fight films, admittedly illegal to produce outside New Jersey.

A leading Washington newspaper owner and publisher admits lying to the Committee last fall when he said he had loaned Mr. Fall the \$100,000 that he so mysteriously acquired and flashed immediately after he had been telling his friends he was broke. Probably, the editor would have stuck to his story to help Fall out only some shrewd sleuths checked up and found that in no single bank in Washington or collectively in all of them did the publisher have on deposit \$100,000 or anything like that amount.

A former Secretary to a former New York State Governor without apparent regret or shame, tells how he arranged and pulled off exhibitions of these illegal fight films and was rewarded with a fat commission therefor. He also shared in the "rake off" paid for permits to withdraw liquor for medicinal purposes.

Apparently, the Attorney-General of the United States enjoyed the personal acquaintance and close association of a queer lot of half-underworld post graduates—both men and women.

People generally are nauseated with the revelation of the strangely weak moral fibre prevalent in Washington. They stand amazed at the silence of the President. They know he appoints and removes at will the members of the Cabinet. Why he retains men in the Cabinet who are suspected even of moral dereliction surpasses belief.

The people are aroused. If there is no action soon looking toward removal from office and criminal prosecution of known crooks and grafters, it need surprise nobody if a new political party developed sufficient strength to throw the coming presidential election into Congress which would be a double setback for the two old political parties.

Take Time

At first blush it would appear the right thing to do and a commendable procedure to repeat every section of the civil and criminal code permitting arrest and imprisonment in civil actions.

Undoubtedly, there should be no opportunity legally for a creditor to throw a debtor into prison because of inability to pay up, but there are instances where a crooked debtor plans to fraudulently sell or transfer all his assets and then flee the state or country. Such a man is not merely a debtor unable to pay. He is a crook and a criminal and there should be legal power to arrest such a crook and at least place him "on jail limits" that is he must not leave the country under pain of being locked up in jail until the action involving the fraud has been tried. If judgment is against him and he continues to evade payment, then he should occupy the status of a thief and be subject to imprisonment until he makes restitution.

If the court orders a man to pay toward the support of his wife and children and he tries to evade payment then justice and the best interests of the community requires the opportunity to lock up such a despicable human specimen until he comes to his senses and bears his part in the support of those he helped bring into the world.

It is wise to go slow in such drastic legislation and upsetting of traditions and not to shackle absolutely the hands of those elected or appointed to administer justice to all.

Assemblyman Simon L. Adler at last appears to possess the courage of his convictions.

Senator James L. Whitley is consistently "wet."

Is Lieutenant-Governor George R. Lunn gunning for a democratic gubernatorial nomination or a progressive vice-presidential place?

"Play ball!" is now the slogan.

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Man of Peace

Coming from a secular daily there is so much of the Catholic spirit contained therein that we reproduce the following Times-Union editorial Celebrations yesterday in honor of the patron saint of Ireland brought to mind with decisive force the vast difference that exists between the observances this year and those of only a few short years ago. Today Ireland governs its own household. The stranger is absent from the family circle. It is Ireland for Irishmen now.

It is this immense change that has made the observance of the national day more than ever worthy of attention in every land where Irishmen dwell. The good saint who taught early Irishmen the benefits and virtues of Christian civilization was not a man of war. He was a shepherd boy, a man of peace whose life was passed in endeavoring to make his little corner of the world a better place in which to dwell. That he succeeded well in his "toil for peace and progress is the testimony of history, for Ireland quickly became the home of culture and refinement the first of the Northern land to attain intellectual leadership.

Then followed centuries of war and bonage, of struggles for freedom and of impoverishment of the people.

But now that the sun of prosperity and peace has begun to shine again in Ireland, it is not unreasonable to hope and to believe that the seeds of character and culture implanted in the fair green isle by St. Patrick may send up new shoots to the blossom once more in an intellectual life that will add a new beauty to the civilization of the world.

Tempest

Apparently, all the women in the land are not in favor of the proposed amendment to the United States Constitution which would provide that "Men and women shall have equal rights throughout the United States and every place subject to its jurisdiction."

It would seem that the New York State League of Women Voters desires women to have all the rights of men and a few more in addition while retaining all the privileges death

which have been enjoyed and exercised in law anyway, the New York League opposes the Constitutional amendment referred to and states its reasons thusly—

We believe the Women's Party in many of its state bills and especially in its Federal blanket amendment proposals, not equality of treatment but identical treatment. True equality will take into consideration inescapable differences of social conditions. There is an old classroom saying that "the greatest inequality is the equal treatment of unequal persons."

Probably based on Aristotle's dictum that "Justice is thought to be, and is equality, not, however, for all, but only for equals." Men and women are not identical and identical treatment will not work for the well being of the state.

The National Woman's Party and the League of Women Voters are at one in their desire for justice between men and women, and for opportunity for women in all fields of endeavor. In the program accepted at the Utica convention of the League, it was decided to make a special study this year of the best methods of eliminating unjust discriminations, particularly with reference to dowry and curtesy, inheritance rights of spouses in real estate, and rights to support. Changes in these laws have been made in neighboring states and results may be studied.

The effects of any change as respects the care of children and the position of women may be so serious that the league urges every precaution to insure that ill-considered legislation does not make matters worse instead of better.

Arthur Brisbane calls attention to Mr. Munsey's declaration that one man cannot successfully manage more than one newspaper and then adds maliciously: "But William Randolph Hearst manages a dozen or more newspapers and at least has paid a profit of \$1,000,000 each which spells a reasonable measure of success. Perhaps it depends upon the manner of man."

Down in New Jersey a chap named Weller discovered that residents of his street did not fraternize or chum with each other. So he proceeded to organize a "League of Neighbors." The idea is likely to spread.

So John Warren Nagle is to manage President Coolidge's publicity for nomination and election!

Mr. Frank Munsey will now have more time to devote to his cheap magazines. Or may he will consider a United States Ambassadorship abroad.

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF FEAST DAYS

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

Sunday, March 30.—St. John Climacus, while still young made such progress in learning that he was called the Scholastic. He retired to Mt. Sinai to study the lives and writings of the Saints. At the age of seventy-five he was made abbot of Mt. Sinai. His most noted book is called the "Climax, or Ladder of Perfection."

Monday, March 31.—St. Benjamin, deacon and martyr, suffered in Persia during persecution under Varanes, the grandson of Sapor III. He was thrust into prison for a year and then released and commanded not to speak again of religion. When he disregarded this command, he was subjected to horrible tortures and executed in the year 424.

Tuesday, April 1.—St. Hugh, Bishop of Grenoble, from the cradle appeared to be a child of benediction. He resigned his bishopric and entered an austere abbey but was never able to obtain permission from the Holy See that he might die in solitude. He died in 1132.

Wednesday, April 2.—St. Francis of Paula, left his home in Calabria to live as a hermit. He founded the "Minims", so called to indicate that they were the least of monastic orders. Their members observed a perpetual Lenten fast. St. Francis worked many miracles and died at the age of 91 on Good Friday in 1507.

Thursday, April 3.—St. Richard of Chichester, refused wealth and a brilliant marriage to study for the priesthood at Oxford. Later he became Chancellor of the University of Oxford and was also Chancellor of the diocese of Canterbury. Elected Bishop of Chichester in spite of the King's opposition, the Saint governed his see with great wisdom and brought about reform. He died in 1253 while preaching a Crusade against the Saracens.

Friday, April 4.—St. Isidore, Archbishop, was born of a ducal family at Carthage in Spain. He succeeded his brother Leander as Archbishop of Seville and successfully fought against the Arian heresy. He was elected a Doctor of the Catholic Church within sixteen years of his death.

Saturday, April 5.—St. Vincent Ferrer, the Angel of Judgment, died at the point of death because of grief over the schism that was afflicting the Church he was miraculously recalled and told to go forth and convert sinners. For twenty-one years he preached throughout Europe and converted thousands. He died in Vannes in Brittany in 1419.

Head of Catholic Writers' Guild Dead

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

New York, March 21.—Arthur Benington, President of the Catholic Writers' Guild, died yesterday at his home in Brooklyn at the age of 59.

Mr. Benington was Assistant Sunday Editor of the New York World and a position he had held since 1904. During the war he served in Italy as a representative of the American Committee on Public Information. He was known as an authority on Italian affairs, having a thorough knowledge of the Italian language and having spent considerable time in that country. He had received the Orders of the Crown of Italy and of Saints Maurice and Lazarus.

Defender of Lourdes Prayed in Vain For Daughter's Healing

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

London, March 13.—Dr. George Cox, whose devotion to the sick of Lourdes was recorded in the dispatch announcing his death, is survived by a daughter who has been a complete invalid for years. While her father witnessed many remarkable cures, he prayed in vain for her healing.

Yet his faith in Lourdes remained unshaken. He always maintained that there could be no explanation of many cures except the explanation that God, in the twentieth century, had been pleased to repeat many of these miraculous works which the higher critics had declared could not have happened.

Charles M. Lane was a good friend, a courteous American gentleman and a practical Catholic. Eternal rest to his soul!

Canon St. "Al" Smith is just starting tight.

At least there will be one relief in a few days: The New York State Legislature of 1924 will adjourn sine die.

Archbishops Glennon of St. Louis and Hanna of San Francisco are still young men and their turn may come.

Dresses Provided By Stage Guild For Those Seeking Work

London, March 14.—The Catholic Stage Guild has a fund for furnishing pretty clothes to needy professionals. Pretty clothes, it was explained at a meeting of the Guild this week, are essential to the actress. If a manager does not know her work he is likely to judge an actress's ability by her appearance, and when an artist is "resting" between engagements her appearance is apt to suffer through lack of funds.

Preston Charitable Board 200 Years Old

London, March 14.—More than one hundred annual dinners have been held by the First Catholic Charitable Society of Preston, the officers and members of which have met again at the festive board. The Society is nearly two hundred years old, having been founded in 1731, since when it has functioned continuously in the alleviation of distress in Preston, Lancashire.

Father O'Donnell Corrects Report Of Speech To Alumni

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

Washington, March 21.—The Rev. J. Hugh O'Donnell, C. S. C., Perfect of Discipline at the University of Notre Dame, has asked the N. C. W. C. News Service to correct a misquotation carried in a recent story telling of an address made by Father O'Donnell before the Notre Dame Alumni Club of Cleveland. The report as sent out from Cleveland quoted Father O'Donnell as saying with reference to the University:

"We are forced to refuse hundreds of students this year. Indications are that we will have twice as many applications next year. It is not a question of finance, but of constructing buildings fast enough."

Father O'Donnell writes: "What I did say was just the opposite—that it was a question of finance when it came to the construction of buildings to take care of the overflow of student enrollment at the University."

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in a dresser drawer which was to have been paid down on a home the very next day, burned in a recent apartment house fire. Also it was rumored that \$500, locked in a trunk, was lost in the same fire.

Are you trusting to a trunk or a dresser drawer to safeguard your savings of months, or perhaps years, together with all the future hopes and plans this money represents?

If so, the above circumstance, which has not previously been made public, is related here for your benefit.

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