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"A. P." Vindicated

It has been charged more than once that the Associated Press, known in newspaper parlance as "A. P." is biased or discriminates in the news carried on its wires. As a rule, when the matter is sifted down, the complaint loses its point. It should be understood that the Associated Press is a mutual news gathering and news distributing agency and its prime aim is to see that its subscribers receive pure, unadulterated, accurate "news" free from editorial or other bias. The editors are supposed to furnish the bias on their page of the flavor desired by the publisher or the political or financial group served by the paper.

Just as is the case with an article supplied by a correspondent or reporter, the editor in charge of the Associated Press distributing agency serving the entire country, may not consider a particular item or story worth but a limited amount of space on the wire service. If he errs, the Associated Press papers very soon enter complaint and the A. P. editor is compelled to furnish more about that particular item of the day's news.

A few days ago the Associated Press was vindicated and a couple of Indiana secular dailies were "nailed to the Cross". It was proven by the Associated Press that these papers deleted a paragraph in an Associated Press despatch before publication, so giving the impression that the A.P. had not sent the story to those two papers.

The dispatch referred to a speech made in Pittsburg by Warren S. Stone, president of the National Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. That part over which controversy subsequently arose, as printed by the News and Star, read:

"The Protestant Church as such has lost touch with common people. The workingman is not welcome in many of our Protestant churches."

As printed in other papers, however, this dispatch contained an additional paragraph reading as follows:

"The reverse is true of the Catholic Church. No matter how low his position in the social scale, no matter how ragged he may be, the doors of the Catholic Church always stand open to him."

The Indiana Catholic editorially called attention to the omission in the Indianapolis papers. The News and the Star have both printed admissions that the charge was based on fact. According to the News, the paragraph complimentary to the Catholic Church was "unhappily, but unwittingly omitted," while the Star says "it was inadvertently omitted."

That proposition of Mr. Hapgood for 1000 Rochesterians to underwrite the baseball season of 1924 ought to be good from the box office standpoint.

Why pass a law to censor literature—beg pardon printed output—and repeal the law to censor movies?

The Bureau of Municipal Research is an industrious body and publishes some interesting reports. But we wonder if they are ever read, let alone studied intelligently by any great proportion of the tax payers.

Mr. Ripley wonders where Gallinger got 1449 votes in a primary election in which not to exceed 2500 votes were cast.

Taxation

It is not stating the case too strongly to say that if there is one subject more in the public mind than another today it is that of taxation. Witness the interest demonstrated in the Congressional debates over the revenue bill, the bonus proposition, the income tax, etc. Also witness the public interest displayed in the action of the State Legislature in the tax bills. Is there any subject talked about more locally than the annual budget and tax levy of the Common Council?

For this reason there should be more than passing interest in the proposition of the city administration to separate purely city and educational tax levies and to levy the school tax separately and give the Board of Education absolute and final control over the moneys raised by the school tax levy. We, as Catholics, should be vitally interested as we will have to pay at least forty per cent of this new school tax, in addition to supporting our own Catholic parochial and high schools.

If the tax payers are to benefit by the new idea then we as Catholic taxpayers will benefit accordingly. If it is to cost more then we will pay more accordingly

We note that it is proposed to limit the annual school tax levy to a given per cent of the total assessed valuation. If no limit is placed on the percentage that may be raised for general tax purposes, then there is a possibility that the total for general purposes and the schools may run up to $40 or $50 per $1,000 of assessed valuation and this would raise the tax bill to each property owner to the point where he could not stand it longer and force him to sell his property. The might operate to prick the bubble of real estate inflation which many think is near to the bursting point

This new tax proposition should be studied carefully by every tax payer. Before it is made a permanent institution there should be a referendum of all the taxpayers.

Missed Point

Those biased and prejudiced observers who rail against the jailing of William H. Anderson and who try to make him a martyr on the theory that he made or caused to be made erroneous entries in the books of the Anti-Saloon League—a proceeding which, they say, did nobody injury, miss the point altogether.

The real question at issue is where did about $25,000 of the League's money that found its way into Anderson's private pocket come from? Was it money collected by the League and wrongfully diverted and converted by Anderson; or was it money loaned to the League by Anderson and to which he had a rightful lien when the League was in need of funds?

Anderson claimed he had loaned the $25,000 to the League. When questioned as to where he got so much money to loan he told the story about a mythical John T. King who would not give money to the League but handed or sent to him $25,000 for his personal use. This he loaned to the League and spent it through a mysterious "publicity agent", another mythical personage.

Despite the most specious of pleading by his Counsel, former Governor Charles S. Whitman, the jury refused to believe Anderson as they convicted him. The prosecuting attorney was a member of Anderson's own Church and the presiding judge was the grand master of New York Masons. The records of the trial were reviewed by a New York justice whose creed we do not know except that he is not a Catholic—all of which disposes of Anderson's charge that he was railroaded to prison by the Pope.

We'll venture the opinion that William H. Anderson will not be on the pay roll of the Anti-Saloon League when he is released from Sing Sing prison.

If any one doubts that there are not staunch Christians in Rochester let him attend any Catholic Church in Rochester at Lenten devotions or at the Sunday morning masses.

With the advent of nice weather, the crop of automobile accidents increases just, as in industry, the busier an industrial plant and the more persons employed, the greater the number of industrial accidents. This despite restrictions of law and intensive safety campaigns, plus installation of the latest and most efficient safety devices. It is a queer world, my brothers!

That leaders of the Anglican Church have gone so far as to interview Cardinal Bourne as to the possibility of a Conference to discuss the reunion of the Catholic and Anglican Churches may betoken much.

Common Sense

Right to the point and good common sense, too, is this editorial from the "Union and Times:"—

Neither Congress nor any other body is able to affirm without fear of contradiction what type of immigrant makes the better citizen. The highest legislative branch of the government may limit the numbers from Europe migrating to this country, but when it selects a period from which to fix the quota of each nation the cry will go up of unfairness, prejudice and inequality.

No one yet has been able to decide which country has given us the finest specimens of manhood and womanhood. The good and bad come from everywhere. There have been law-abiding English, Irish, Poles, Italians and Scandinvians, and the criminal records show the contrary is also true. Who then is able to say that the "Nord" is a better citizen than the immigrant from southern Europe? Or who is able to say that the immigrant from southern Europe is a better citizen than the "Nord?"

Out of fairness to all races and to avoid dangers of prejudice, Congress may solve this difficulty by apportioning the quota from the number of immigrants not in one period, but in every period. The records are extant for as much as seventy years. By totaling the numbers migrating to the U. S. as far back as 1850, no one can say that the quota intentionally discriminates against certain groups desiring admittance. That much deference should be exhibited toward the sensibilities of our foreign brethern, since perspiring orators have proclaimed these many years that our doors are open to all.

Harmful

A local secular contemporary calls attention to a growing evil and one that even those whose business is that of procuring as much publicity as possible in the following paragraphs:—

At a convention of educators meeting in Philadelphia a prominent expert is quoted as saying that there ought to be a course in training girls to use cosmetics properly in our schools. Another university professor declares that every school ought to have an expert in "abnormal psychology" who should examine every student to ascertain why progress in certain studies was so slow. This same speaker previously said that high school pupils in the country have not "even rudimentary knowledge of English."

Now even if these statements, which the Philadelphia Public Ledger quotes on its first page with sufficient prominence in headline and type to attract attention, are made by speakers without intention to be taken seriously, they constitute a form of publicity, when given publicity, that is harmful to public opinion of educational expert advice

For in the same paper in which appear these quotations is a communication in which the writer calls for "a halt on the extravagant proposals and extravagence of statements coming from educators, who surely ought to be practical to the extent of common sense, but who seem neither practical nor sensible."

So the Ku Klux Klan thinks it can dictate and elect a Governor of Indiana? What will the Klan do if Governor Al. Smith, of New York, is nominated for President?

Let no law be passed that will unduly restrict the radio which brings so much pleasure to the shut-ins.

There is really a fifth American Cardinal. Cardinal Bonzano became an American citizen while he served as apostolic delegate. Cardinal Falconio, now dead, also was a naturalized American.

William H. Craig, who will be one of the Republican delegates to the national convention of 1924, more nearly represents the type of George W." Aldridge than any politician now in the game in Monroe County.

Wonder if these inveterate noon lunch and dinner talk friends ever dine at home with their families. Or are they well acquainted at home?

London Woman, Hit By Auto, Asks For Priest

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

London, March 25.—Hit by an automobile on Kingsway, London, a woman's first thought was of a priest. "Fetch a priest", she murmurred. A bystander notified the clergy at a nearby Church, and the Last Sacraments were administered whilst men in the crowd bared their heads. The woman was taken to the hospital and both legs were amputated.

WEEKY CALENDAR OF FEAST DAYS

Sunday, April 13.—St. Hermenegild, Martyr, was the son of Leovigild, King of Visigoths. He was imprisoned by his father because he refused to accept Arianism and won his martyr's crown in prison.

Monday, April 14.—St. Benezet a shepherd was inspired by God to build a bridge over the Rhone at Avignon at a place where many people had been drowned. He obtained the approbation of the bishops, proved his mission by miracles and began the work in 1177. He died when the difficult part of the undertaking was over in 1184. His body was placed in a chapel built upon the bridge and when the coffin was opened five hundred years after his death, the body was found without the least sign of corruption.

Tuesday, April 15.—St. Paternus, was born near Poitiers about the year 482. He went to Wales where he founded a monastery and later lived as an anchorite in the forests of Scley. He converted many from the Druid religion and induced them to destroy one of the largest of their pagan temples. He died in France in solitude about 550.

Wednesday, April 16.—St. Optatus and seventeen other holy men received the crown of martyrdom on the same day at Saragossa under the governor Dacian during the persecution of Diocletian in 304. Two others Caius and Crementius died later of their torments.

Thursday, April 17.—St. Anicetus Pope and Martyr, was remarkable for his extraordinary virtue and religious fervor. He reigned from 165 to 173.

Friday, April 18.—St. Apollonius a Roman senator, was beheaded by decree of the Roman Senate after he had refused to renounce his Faith when publicly accused of Christianity by one of his own slaves.

Saturday, April 19.—St. Elphege, Archbishop, was born in the year 954 of a noble Saxon family. He was captured by the Danes who expected to collect a large ransom for his release. When he refused to permit a tax upon the people of the diocese for the payment of the ransom, he was killed on Easter Saturday 1012.

Growth Of Church Shown In Figures Of New Directory

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

New York, April 2.—The Catholic church in the United States in the last year increased the number of its churches with resident priests by 199, increased its membership by 298,994 and its clergy by 614, and in virtually every department and classification had an equally healthy growth. It is shown by statistics in the Official Catholic Directory, just issued here by P. J. Kenedy & Sons.

The summary of the new edition gives the Catholic population of the country as 16,559,787 and the number of Catholic clergy in the archdioceses, diocese and vicariates-apostolic as 23,159. The necrology, or death list of the clergy for the year totals 348, which, taken with the increase in the clergy, indicates that the number of seminarians ordained last year exceeded that of 1922 by more than 100 percent. In ecclesiastical seminaries, 550 more students were enrolled in 1923 than in 1922, and 1,988,376 children were attending Catholic schools, an increase of 65,956 in one year. The number of orphan asylums was increased from 312 to 316, and homes for aged from 118 to 121.

The number of bishops has been raised from 94 to 98; in two diocese auxiliary bishops have been appointed, and two sees vacant a year ago are now filled. This brings the total hierarchy in the United States to 4 cardinals, 13 archbishops, 98 bishops 2 archabbots and 18 abbots, making a total of 135.

Cardinal O'Connell Gives Church To Town In Chinese Mission

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

St. Columbans, Neb., April 2.—Hsien T'oa Chen, a town of 30,000 population in the Perfecture of the Columbian missionaries of China, has witnessed the opening of its first Catholic Church built through the generosity of His Eminence Cardinal O'Connell. Father E. J. O'Dougherty, the Columbian Missionary stationed at Hsien T'oa Chen, reports that the event was the occasion of great rejoicing and thongs of Chinese attended. Many of these came from outlying districts and spent the night in the open in order to be present at the ceremony on the following morning.

The Cardinal's church is dedicated to St. William, the patron saint of the Archbishop of Boston, whose liberality has enabled the Columban Fathers to give the handsome, edifice to this important center of the Han Yang Perfecture.

Knights' Pilgrimage To National Shrine A Pious Protest

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

Washington, April 5.—When the annual Knights of Columbus pilgrimage, with thousands in its train and several cities represented, arrives at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Brookland, D. C., May 18, contrary to its expectation at present, it will be privileged to attend Mass in a part of the great Shrine itself. For the crypt, which will be the beautiful gem of the huge edifice, will be sufficiently completed for the purpose. The thirty pillars for the three apses k gathered from all over the world, have all arrived save one, and preparation is being made to apply the ceramic work.

It had been planned by the pilgrims to hold a great outdoor Mass, and this ceremony may be retained, in addition to the Mass in the Shrine itself, in order to accommodate the great numbers expected.

Dr. Bernard A. McKenna, in charge of the Shrine for Bishop Shahan, has received word from New York Knights that they expect to bring 1,000 on the pilgrimage, which will be in honor of the fourth anniversary of the blessing of the site of the Shrine. Brooklyn is sending another group, and Pittsburg has started gathering a delegation.

Officials of the Shrine are accepting the pilgrimages as a great pious rebuke by the Catholic laity for the recent insults offered the Blessed Virgin in the Protestant controversy over the virgin birth. They recall recent novenas, special Masses and expressions of Catholic clergy that the Caholic action in regard to the controversy should be the silent protest of prayer.

Legion Invites Catholic Pupils To Enter Essay Contest

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

Washington, D. C., April 1.—Catholic children have been invited to compete again in the national essay contest for school children conducted each year by The American Legion. A great number of the 362,000 children who competed last year were pupils of parochial schools who carried off prizes for various sections of the country. The assistance of the National Catholic Welfare Conference in bringing the contest to the attention of organizations affiliated with it has been asked by Garland W. Powell, national director of the National Americanism Commission of the Legion, in a communication to the Rev. John J. Burke, C. S. P., general secretary of the conference.

In his letter, Mr. Powell states, "The Legion in its peace time service to God, and country feels as if we must do everything we can to foster and encourage patriotism and education in our children today-citizens of tomorrow."

The subject chosen for the contest this year which opens today, is "Why Communism Is a Menace to Americanism," The three national prizes are $750, $500 and $250. The first prize in each state will be a silver medal; second prize, a bronze medal; and third prize, a certificate of merit issued by national headquarters of the Legion. Cash prizes will be used only toward scholarships in colleges. All boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 18 are eligible to enter. The winning essay in each county must be forwarded to the Department Americanism Chairman not later than midnight of July 10, 1924.

Hotel Men Advised To Cater To Desires Of Catholic Guests

Paris, March 27.—The Revue du Touring Club, the greatest French Touring Association has recently given out some excellent advice to hotel managers who want to be successful. Among these admonitions are the following:

"The hotel manager who caters to persons of every shade of opinion has for his first duty the observance of strict neutrality; not only must he endeavor to hurt no one, but satisfy everyone as far as possible And nothing is easier.

"For instance, the hours of service of the various churches in the neighborhood should be posted conspicuously, and for the benefit of Catholics, in particular, a proper menu should be prepared on fast days and days of abstinence, even arranging for separate tables, if necessary, to facilitate service.

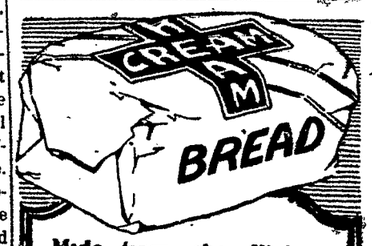
"Furthermore, for good reputation of his house, no publications or pictures should be left within reach of children in the reading room, which might sully their mind or encourage vice.

"The hotel keeper who desires to be successful should make a point of keeping his house clean morally as well as materially.

FORTY HOURS' DEVOTION

April 27—Palmyra; East Rush; Waterloo; Ithaca; St. Anthony, Elmira; Spencerport, Victor.

April 6—Holy Apostles, Rochester; Phelps; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Rochester.



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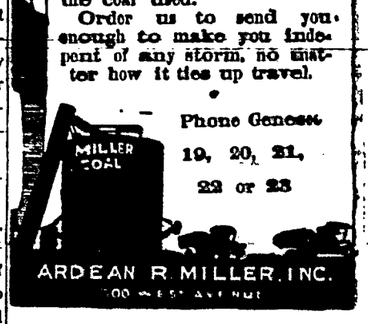

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