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Crisis.

After reading the admission of Governor Smith's Commission on the Coal Situation that there is no anthracite coal in sight and that the New Yorkers who did not lay in a supply of coal last spring must either learn how to burn soft coal or freeze, the general public begins to sense that it counts for but little as compared to the rights and prerogatives of the coal operation and owners. The latter claim the right to freeze out the public until the latter is forced to pay more for a commodity that Almighty God placed in the earth for the use and comfort of all the people.

As the contest goes on, one reads and re-reads the following editorial published in the Rochester "Democrat & Chronicle" at the beginning of the strike of 1925. "John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, and chief spokesman for the underground miners, recently made an impassioned plea for the miners of anthracite coal. This plea appeared in the Democrat and Chronicle last Wednesday, and was doubtless read with interest and with some concern by thousands of home-owners and others to whom the fuel problem becomes a serious matter when the summer wanes and the cold weather approaches.

"Mr. Lewis made a strong argument for what he called the right of free-born American workmen to a decent wage that would enable them to maintain American standards of living, to have comfortable homes, to educate their children and give them a chance when they grow up to seek less dangerous means of livelihood. The hazard of mine work he emphasized with facts and figures, as he had often done before, proving that in spite of the many safety devices—put into use, the mortality among these workers continues very heavy every year.

"The majority of people will approve Mr. Lewis's plea for what he calls a living wage, for better housing conditions, but the consumers—the ultimate sufferer from every coal strike—find it hard to understand why operators and mine-owners cannot reach some permanent and definite agreement with their workers, that will put an end to these well-nigh annual stoppages of mine work, driving coal prices to an unwarranted figure and keeping them there all the year through.

"There must be a solution of this problem and the consuming public has a right to insist that such a solution be found. Federal interference is not desirable, except as a last resort, and it remains for the labor unions and the operators to come into harmony and place the industry on a basis of peace, good feeling and the best interests of all concerned."

While one may sympathize with the State Federation of Labor's desire to increase the maximum weekly rate of workmen's compensation from \$50 to \$100 it is also well to inquire whether this could be done safely under present conditions. New York's compensation rate is the most liberal of any State in the Union. We believe that the Federation is right in insisting that the occupational disease section of the compensation law be broadened.

Membership of the Rochester base-ball franchise appears to have increased again.

Little makes queer spectacles of the primary were more men imaginable, now that are successful, are lauded to as the best of perfection.

Communications to St. Joseph's Society of the Association on the 10th of the month. May it be a successful day.

Gambling.

Pointed observations to those who waste their money in "sure thing gambling" are made as follows by the Rochester Journal and Post Express:—

You young gentlemen that bet on the races and are interested in what bookmakers pay in income tax, How Much Did Racing Contribute To Your Income Tax?

Did YOU send any money to the government based on your large winnings from the race track?

It is easy to guess the answer to THAT question.

Other gentlemen that also paid big income taxes to the Government have income based on horse race gambling, in another way.

Those income tax payers are the men that sell tips on the races.

They sell the tips to the young gentlemen that bet. But the tipsters know better than to bet their own money. They know what tips are worth.

BOOKMAKERS have income taxes to pay; they make money from the foolish gamblers.

Owners of the race tracks have income taxes to pay. They make money out of the foolish gamblers that build up racing.

The tipsters, selling worthless information to fools willing to pay for it, have income taxes to pay. THEY make their money out of the foolish bettors.

But what about you young gentlemen that do the BETTING, you that fatten the bookmakers' pockets, keep the horse race game going for the amusement of a few rich men, and put money into the pockets of the tipsters?

Did YOU make any money out of racing? No you DIDN'T.

Did YOU have any income tax to pay, thanks to your race track gambling? NO, YOU DIDN'T.

You wasted TIME thinking about racing, guessing about horses, listening to foolish tips, studying meaningless "past performances."

You wasted money, that if SAVED, might have given you a chance in life.

Read the income tax returns of the bookmakers, and think it over, young gentlemen.

Autumn.

A tenuous apostrophe to autumn is contributed by the Cleveland "Plain Dealer" in the following editorial:—

Autumn brings much good; clear days, brisk days; even some kindly mock summer—known by us as Indian summer—to make himself known as a season inherently and intrinsically meritorious. And at the same time he carries winter's warning.

Bins are to be filled. In the country they are to be filled with apples, potatoes, cabbages, turnips and the like. In the city they are to be filled mostly with coal, such as is obtainable in these days of doubt. The country, through channels which never fail, will send from its bins enough to keep us in the city well fed through the cold months, and all we have to store is enough to keep us warm.

The countryman's instinct is that of the chipmunk which hoards edibles; the cityman's urge is like that of the woodchuck, he mostly thinks of keeping himself warm.

Days like these with their not distressful shivers and their actuality of autumn and their premonitory whisperings of a winter still comfortably remote but very surely moving hitherwards make everyone move in a lively way. We must step briskly to keep warm, and we must work for winter's coming.

Would It Were True!

Rochester friends of Archbishop Edward J. Hanna—and they are legion, of all creeds and classes—hope the report from Rome that he may be made a Prince of the Church will prove to be true.

But it must be remembered that Rome is not in the habit of advertising its acts in advance.

There are many factors to be considered in the creation of Cardinals. There are the number of vacancies in the Sacred College, the necessity of having a sufficient number of Cardinals resident in Rome to head the various Boards and Bureaus and to be in constant touch with the Holy Father.

And then there has to be taken into account the necessity of the Church in the several countries of the world.

America now has four Cardinals—more than ever in the history of the Church and Canada has had one.

At a dinner given him in Cincinnati, Archbishop McNicholas, told representatives of the press that "you may disagree with us Catholics on the question of the parochial school, but long experience has taught the Church the value of a religious atmosphere. If it simply were a question of teaching the three R's, I would use all the authority of my office to close every parochial school in the archdiocese." But we maintain that it is necessary to teach the child a knowledge of God and the purpose of its creation from the very beginning.

How Jack Powers can be for the Mayor and the Republican organization, and against the City Manager plan, is pushing hardy persons.

Jay Walking.

Under caption "Jay Walkers Make Tragedy", the Rochester "Herald" makes these observations.

One of the most prolific causes of injury and death on the highway this season has been failure of pedestrians to look both ways before stepping out into the center of the highway from between parked cars.

A row of cars standing beside the curb forms a perfect screen for hidden pedestrians. If a person on foot decides to come out into the traffic through the narrow space between two cars, no driver can be expected to see the pedestrian until he actually emerges directly in the roadway.

In the path of moving vehicles. If the traffic is going rapidly, as it does through Broad Street, there is little opportunity for a driver to turn aside or stop in time to prevent a serious accident.

However, Broad Street is by no means as dangerous as a number of the narrower residential streets, where cars are to be found at times parked on both sides, with barely room enough between for the passage of traffic in one direction.

In such streets, the pedestrian would do well to watch his step unless he is seeking to add to the already long list of tragedies.

Pedestrians who fail to heed traffic signals in Main Street are responsible for many near-accidents every day. A person at the corner of any of the cross streets guarded by changing lights, is likely to see at almost any hour of the day instances of deliberate disregard of the signals by pedestrians. It is due to nothing but the watchfulness of drivers and motormen, and to the kind Providence that guards irresponsible humanity, that accidents are so few.

With the number of cars in use steadily increasing, with parking problems and regulation becoming more complex every day, it is more than ever the duty of pedestrians to guard their own safety, rather than to depend wholly on policemen, drivers and Providence to drag them from the jaws of death.

Let us contribute this observation:—If the police would see to it that autos are not parked so as to directly block passage from the curb to recognized street car stops, many of these accidents might be averted.

Those who do not own autos must ride on street cars and safe passage from the curb to the street car should be assured.

Church's Mission.

It is refreshing to find one non-Catholic clergyman who has breadth and vision and who does not think his pulpit is a miniature vaudeville stage.

In a recent sermon, Rev. William Wallace Rose, of this city, makes these sage and sensible observations:—

"Some people think the church is to be superseded by any of a number of agencies; the movies, the radio or a universal pursuit of Sunday pleasure. But the church's unassailable claim to life and power, to loyalty and allegiance, lies in the fact that man is a religious being, and that the church is the only organization that makes as its one end and aim the cultivation of the spiritual side of human nature.

"In America today millions are in church and many more millions never darken the doors. The outsider thinks he has outgrown the church. Yet this man has a stake in the health of the church. He does business in a city that would not be safe without the church. He lives tranquilly in a city that would be a pest-hole without the institution he despises or neglects.

"His money is safer in the banks because of the church; his property is more secure; his family is happier. He knows the church's enemies are the crooks, gamblers, exploiters and perverts. The man who has no valid reason for staying away from church or refusing to support it, is a sponger. He pays his taxes to the city, but in the commonwealth of God he takes all and gives nothing.

"The world was more temperate at the time of the prohibition law than at any time prior to it. Did that law add the cause that had been growing naturally through the years of education and social pressure. After five years of trial I am forced to say that I cannot see it. Prohibition may sometime prohibit the manufacture and sale and drinking of alcohol, and I sincerely hope for that day. But when it comes it will not be a law of the land but the law of the spirit that shall bring in the day.

"So the way to reform the world is to make men and women better. Then you will not have to fence them out of this place and that, but you will be able to trust them around the corner and in the dark. The church is the only institution whose definite aim is to accomplish this fundamental reform.

"Ours is a day of laws—laws against crime, against war, against a thousand and one things. And these laws have failed in large measure. They are not the way. The important thing is what men and women are."

The Holy Father has paid a signal tribute to the Catholic Church in America by designating the Papal Secretary of State, Cardinal Gasparri, as his personal representative to the Eucharistic Congress in Chicago next June.

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THEY DESERVE RE-ELECTION

There are 2,000,000 children in the Catholic parish schools of the United States. It costs \$96.63 per year in Pittsburgh to educate a child. (See 1924 annual report Board of Public Education.) Based on this ratio, the Catholics of the United States are saving the nation more than \$193,000,000 every year.

The National Conference of Catholic Charities picked a live wire when it selected William T. Nolan, the virile Executive Secretary of Rochester Catholic Charities as one of its committeemen.

Don Manning seems to grow more efficient and energetic as the years roll on.

Charles Barnees seems to be able to take on more duties and do them well every day.

It would not be a bad thing were there more citizens who do not enroll with either of the political parties but who reserved the right, if the party nominees did not square up to the requirements of the job to, nominate and support, an independent ticket.

General Mitchell has woken up the Bureaus in Washington, at all events.

"Cardinal Hanna" would not be hard to say.

If the Methodist conference would follow up its resolutions against display of indecent literature on the newsstands by swearing out a warrant against one of the offenders, we might get some decisive action.

Rochester's Catholic Women's Club is a live, virile organization. So is the Catholic Federation.

So there are only two partisan candidates for mayor and both are committed to the city manager plan.

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