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Average Car Fare.

Says the New York "Times": "The average cash fare paid on electric street railways operating in 727 cities of more than 25,000 population each, was, on May 1, 1927, 7.3301 cents, according to the Public Utility Committee of New England. This rate, which does not take into account special rates given through the issuance of weekly passes, school tickets, etc., but does include cash fares paid through the use of tokens, is the highest in the records of public utilities in this country."

"In many larger cities, however, an effort is being made to keep down the average rate of fare by the use of zones, through which a passenger may ride at a low rate of fare. This zone idea makes the long-ride passenger pay proportionately more and does not penalize the short-ride passenger, who in the aggregate, constitutes a large part of street car patronage."

"More passengers were carried by street railways in 1926 than in any previous year. This increase is due partly to increased population; partly to increased street congestion, due to automobile traffic, and partly to the efforts made by street railways to attract more riding through the use of more attractive and comfortable equipment."

"Let's see! Was not one of, if not the potent argument in favor of an increase in the rate of fare, the claim that the automobiles were cutting down the number of street car passengers so rapidly that bankruptcy for the street car company was inevitable unless the local fare were increased from five to eight cents."

The Reason.

This editorial from a local secular contemporary is sufficient reason for the agitation for a gasoline tax in New York State:

"It is stated on the authority of a trade paper which has made extensive inquiry, that the taxes being paid by motorists upon gasoline in the states where there are taxes on this commodity, will amount during July and August to nearly a million dollars each and every day."

"The tax is paid in two, three and five-cent amounts, as there is no uniformity among the states as to the size of the tax. Without leakage this daily million ought to go very far toward taking care of existing roads and providing additional mileage. Of course the tax will not amount to the sum named for the full 365 days in the year, but when New York enters the list of gasoline-taxed states, perhaps the average might be attained, as this state is an enormous user of motor fuel."

New York and Massachusetts are the only two states which do not impose a tax. At present California is at the head of the list, its tax amounting to about \$90,000 a day. Ohio comes next with over \$77,000 daily receipts, and Pennsylvania third with around \$70,000 receipts."

"However, there appears justification of the demand by the motorists who will pay a large share of the proposed tax, that the proceeds should be used exclusively for construction of new highways and the upkeep and repair of highways already constructed."

Presiding Justice Victor J. Dowling of the New York Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, recently had private audience with Pope Pius XI. Justice Dowling has been nominated as one of the Papal Chamberlains."

"Loan Sharks" ought to be put out of business everywhere."

President Cochrane was not ousted from Irish Free State Leadership until Dr. Valera did take the oath of allegiance."

Explaining.

Vice-President Charles Dawes, whether he means it that way or not, is a great achiever of publicity—Dawes personal brand of publicity.

Mr. Dawes is not a shrinking violet. Neither is he over-anxious not to offend nor to apologize to his fellow-men. He is curt, terse and blunt of speech. It is no surprise that he did not restrain himself in his speech at the opening of the international peace bridge between Buffalo and Fort Erie.

But there will be no diplomatic notes of apology exchanged between Washington and London because of the Dawes' speech. He did not represent the President or the Government Secretary of State Kellogg did that. And Mr. Kellogg's speech was the essence of non-combativeness."

Mr. Dawes simply spoke as Charles E. Dawes, individual American citizen.

The Buffalo "Courier-Express" stated correctly:—"Political speculators who think they see in Vice President Dawes' Buffalo speech a desire to further his own political fortunes are doubtless suffering from a twisted vision. It is much to be doubted that any participant in the dedication ceremonies of the Peace Bridge sought to make use of that occasion for personal aggrandizement."

"Mr. Dawes' speech was evidently a straightforward statement of a personal opinion of an international situation, to which a more guarded expression was given by Premier Baldwin. It may also be said that it was unquestionably a fair exposition of American sentiment, which, as we see it, is first of all for everything that makes for peace, and a fair understanding between the leading nations of the world. As Mr. Dawes indicated, it is unbelievable that there is anything in the present situation which should lead either country to enter upon a shipbuilding program that involves competitive construction of unneeded ships."

"While it is inevitable that the next Congress will be confronted with a demand for an enlarged navy building program, there is still ground for the hope and the expectation that common sense will prevail that program from even approaching the stage of competition."

Non-Partisan.

This editorial from the Albany "Knickerbocker-Express" does not apply to Rochester—yet:

"Through agreement by political party leaders in this state an important advance has been secured for independence of the courts. In the county of New York two Democrats and one Republican, at present judges of important courts, will be re-elected without opposition. The understanding is that Judge John P. O'Brien, Democrat, now on the Court of Appeals bench by appointment of Governor Smith, will not be opposed in the state."

"Thus the political jockeying which on the various occasions of a spirited campaign turns out to be nothing more than cautious maneuvering by the party tacticians. Since boys will be boys, and politicians will be politicians there need be no quarrel with them on that score and in view of the result. The public will gain, not only because experienced and capable judges of high standing will be retained in their present positions, but also, because the principle of a judiciary system free from partisan control will be again vindicated."

"Much remains to be accomplished in this progressive movement. It is greatly to be deplored that Mr. McCooey's Democratic machine in the King's county cannot also come under the influence of Governor Smith to an extent that will insure a non-partisan judiciary there. But that was to much to hope for. Perhaps it will require an election landslide to sweep control out of Mr. McCooey's hands; and perhaps an aroused electorate at a not far distant day will assert its supreme will. Time and again in this state it has been shown that the best way to stir the people into action is for party bosses to become careless with their powers in the matter of judicial nominations. "Incidentally it will be noted with satisfaction that Justice Townsend Scudder will not be opposed for reelection in the Queens-Long Island district."

Unanimous!

There will not, we fancy, be a dissenting vote from the following editorial expression from the Philadelphia "Public Ledger":

"It is misplaced economy for the Postoffice Department or its contractors to weaken the sticking qualities of the postage stamps. At this season far too many letters and packages turn up minus the requisite stamps. Complaint from the postoffice of neglect on the part of the people to affix stamps properly is met by the counterclaim that the stamps were applied and that by reason of the weakness of the adhesive they have fallen off. Experience of many persons sustains the contention that the fault this time is with the stamps and not with the stamp-users. The gam on the back of the stamps is an illusion and a snare, and it should be the business of the postal authorities to remedy the defect. Too much picking and too much water, the present defense of the postmaster, is hardly an adequate explanation."

Not Dead?

"Agriculture in New York State is by no means a dead and closed industry", says the Rochester "Times-Union":

"In Wyoming County alone the farmers will this year harvest more than three hundred thousand bushels of winter wheat from ten thousand acres of land. The average yield per acre in that county this year is expected to be better than thirty bushels. Livingston County will not have quite as good a yield, but still a remarkable crop. Other adjoining counties in what is known as the 'bread belt' are reporting most favorable outlook."

"If the agricultural industry is 'sick' in any part of the Empire State it is because the young farmers have been lured from farms to other occupations. It is true that agriculture may not have as speedy or perhaps as great rewards; but there are few instances where intelligent and faithful application to farming in the state of New York has not resulted in fair and reasonably certain returns."

"Of course there are sections of the state which are not as productive as others; but as a rule the soils of this state, properly tilled, cared for and fertilized, will respond as liberally and satisfactorily to those who make the effort as will the soils of any other state."

It is well, however, to recall that the New York State counties referred to include several very large farms like the Wadsworth estates where they are able to afford tractors, and other mechanical aids that take the place of manual labor so hard to obtain and expensive for the average hundred or two hundred acre farmer to employ."

A new Catholic sanatorium for tubercular patients opens September 1st at El Paso, Texas. It will have, to start, 130 beds and will be in charge of Sisters of St. Joseph, with motherhouse at Concordia, Kansas. The "Union and Times" thinks it is entirely probable that in the near future we may embark in "air Pullmans" one evening and wake next morning in London or San Francisco. It adds: "Whether further progress is healthy for us in a spiritual sense remains to be seen. Progress may raise the thought of our self-sufficiency and stifle the fact of our dependency upon a Supreme Being. Unless our prosperity is without pride and our progress is steeped in the spiritual waters of humility, our civilization will come to naught. Unless we preserve in ourselves the thought of our own powerlessness before Divine decrees and judgments, our works, our deeds, our successes in the inventive field are nothing. Men may race across oceans and continents; men may fly in the clouds or talk to one another from widely separated spots of the universe, but vain are their achievements and empty are their accomplishments unless they preserve in themselves the image of Him who brought them out of nothing."

Governor-General Healy of the Irish Free State recently served Mass for his son, Rev. Paul Healy, S.J. at the Ursuline convent in Waterford, Ireland.

The President of Holy Cross College has been appointed Bishop of Jamaica.

It is no sure thing when you try to fly over either the Pacific or Atlantic Ocean.

The perennial crusade against tipping is on. Tipping will always exist so long as waiters and porters receive inadequate wage and there are persons who want a little more service than their fellows receive and are willing to pay therefor.

Rochester's Industrial Exposition appeals to Rochesterians hence it will be patronized.

Martin O'Neill will be the last mayor of Rochester and its first city manager if the republican organization's plans do not go awry.

One week more and the boys and girls will be wending their way back to school.

Why is it that the upstanding and outstanding men and women of Rochester shied off from accepting nominations as candidates for councilmen under the "model charter"?

Although President Coolidge does not "choose" to run for President, there is an apparent death, just now, of those who "do choose" to stand for the 1928 nomination. Why? Too early? Or do they imagine that the President might "choose" to run, if drafted?

Douay Bible is a name commonly given to the translation of the Holy Scriptures current among English-speaking Catholics.

A martyr is a witness for Christ. In early times this title was given generally to those who were distinguished witnesses for Christ, then to those who suffered for Him. After the middle of the Third Century the title was restricted to those who actually died for Him.

The Sulpicians are a society of priests who devote themselves to the care of theological seminaries and preparatory theological schools.

Cardinal Hayes Praises Fordham U. School Of Social Service

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

New York, Aug. 17.—The increasing importance of training in social service is pointed out in a letter written by Cardinal Hayes, Archbishop of New York, to the Rev. William J. Duane, S. J., president of Fordham University. The letter, used as an introduction to the catalogue of the Fordham School of Sociology and Social Service, just off the press, urges the younger priests to fit themselves in a special way for better cooperation with the work of Catholic charities.

His Eminence likewise commends the School to Supervisors of Religious Orders engaged in social service that the Sisters now doing such remarkable work may yet increase their effectiveness by taking the complete course of training offered by Fordham in its centrally located and fully equipped department on the eighth floor of the Woolworth Building.

Mindful of the splendid educational background acquired by graduates of Catholic colleges, Cardinal Hayes says he is especially anxious that young men and women so well grounded in essentials should make full use of their talents. By supplementing their college training with professional advantages such as Fordham affords, His Eminence says, many of the ills that beset society in general and more particularly the needy of his own archdiocese may be alleviated or cured.

The Rev. Matthew L. Fortier, S. J., Ph. D., the newly appointed dean, returns to Fordham after an absence of eight years from the Graduate School of which he was the first Dean. He has been doing similar work in Baltimore, Boston, Philadelphia and Worcester. The school will begin on September 26 the second decade of its career.

Presbyterian Roll Cut by Suspension Of 67,060 In 1926

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

New York, Aug. 2.—The names of 67,060 members of the Presbyterian Church in the United States were placed on the suspended roll in 1926. This is the largest number in years, according to the annual statistical report of the denomination by the Rev. Dr. Lewis Seymour Mudge of Philadelphia, stated clerk of the General Assembly, made public yesterday. Members are suspended when they disappear and no trace of them has been found for several years.

The number of communicant members, 1,927,286, according to the largest official Presbyterian census ever enrolled. The net increase for last year, however, was only 36,157, the smallest annual gain in years, and an average of less than two for each of the 9,961 ministers in the 9,497 churches. There are twenty-nine fewer ministers than there were the previous year.

The gain in Sunday School members, the report states, was 15,735, making a total of 1,596,515. During the last year, 9,041 new communicant members were added to the Church rolls on confession of faith. There were also added 64,713 new members on certificates from other denominations, while 11,028 were restored to membership.

The number of infants baptized was 31,017, a decrease of 1,724. Adults baptized numbered 31,017, a drop of 4,543 as of the previous year.

The number of candidates for the ministry rose to 1,294, a gain of 80 over the year before. But only 194 candidates were licensed to preach, or 33 fewer than the year before. Candidates ordained to the ministry totaled 169, or 67 fewer than the year before.

The denomination now has 48,916 elders, a gain of 410. The number of churches decreased by 68. There were 105 churches dissolved and 64 new ones organized.

Seventeen Receive Habit.

Cincinnati, O., August 18.—Seventeen young men received the habit of St. Francis at ceremonies held Monday and Tuesday at St. Anthony Monastery, Mt. Airy. Ten others made simple vows and ten made solemn vows.

Move To Canonize Albertus Magnus

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

Cologne, August 15.—The Catholic academicians, who held a conference at Aschaffenburg in Bavaria, recently, have resolved to propose and promote the canonization of Blessed Albertus Magnus, the famous Dominican, teacher of Thomas Aquinas and Bishop of Regensburg.

Albertus Magnus was famed as a theologian, philosopher and naturalist. He is also said to have outlined and sketched the plan of the Cologne Cathedral.

The Catholic academicians declare it is a duty toward the great Albertus Magnus to propose him for elevation to a position among the Saints. They hope that all the Catholics of Germany will help the cause.

Two U. S. Bishops Sending Messages By Plane to Pope

Washington, D. C., Aug. 22.—Besides the letter from the Rt. Rev. Thomas W. Drumm, Bishop of Des Moines, on behalf of the Catholics of that Diocese to the Holy Father, which will be carried by Phot Lloyd Bertaud and his companion, James D. Hill, when they wing their way to Rome in the new Hearst aeroplane, "Old Glory", the daring aviators will be the custodians of messages from the Rt. Rev. John J. Cantwell, Bishop of Los Angeles, and San Diego, Mayor Cryer of that city, and the Italian Vice-Consul Capt. Buzi Gradengo.

Bishop Cantwell's letter to the Pope, enclosing a memento from the Diocese of Los Angeles and San Diego, is as follows:

"To His Holiness, Pope Pius XI: "Most Holy Father—Through the courtesy of Mr. William Randolph Hearst, and the heroic flight of Mr. Bertaud, we living on the shores of the Pacific Coast of the United States of America, are able to greet your Holiness in this unique manner. "The rapid development of aeronautics is bringing the nations of the earth closer together, and thus helps to the realization of that peace and concord among nations which is dear to your paternal heart."

"The airship is becoming a messenger of peace to nations that heretofore immense distances kept apart as strangers."

"We beg your Holiness to accept a small token of our affection, and ask you to bestow upon your children on the shores of the Pacific your Apostolic Blessing."

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Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

Sunday, Aug. 28.—St. Augustine of Hippo, was born in 354 at Tagaste in Africa and was brought up in the Christian faith but without receiving baptism. In early youth he fell into sinful habits which persisted until he was thirty-four. Then he was converted, received baptism and because of his great intellectual power, for thirty-five years was the center of ecclesiastical life in Africa. He was one of the mightiest champions of the Church against heresy. He died in the year 430.

Monday, Aug. 29.—The Beheading of St. John the Baptist. Chosen to be the forerunner of the Saviour, St. John led a life of austerity and contemplation until he was thirty years old. Then he came out of the wilderness and began to proclaim the coming of Christ and to call upon men to give up their iniquities. When the Tetrarch, Herod Antipas married Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, while the latter was still alive, St. John boldly rebuked this defiance of all laws human and divine. He was cast into prison and when Salome the daughter of Herodias had pleased Herod by her dancing, at the instigation of her mother she demanded the head of the Saint. It was brought to her forthwith on a dish.

Tuesday, Aug. 30.—St. Rose of Lima, the first canonized Saint of the New World, was born at Lima in 1586. At an early age she took service to support her impoverished parents and worked for them day and night. When her beauty excited admiration, she cut off her hair, blistered her face with pepper and her hands with lime. Under her habit she wore a hair shirt studded with iron nails and under her veil a silver crown armed with ninety points. All her sufferings were offered up for the conversion of sinners. She died A. D. 1617.

Wednesday, Aug. 31.—St. Raymond Nonnatus, was born in Catalonia in the year 1204. In his childhood he seemed to find pleasure only in his devotions and serious duties. Later he joined the new order of Our Lady of Mercy for the redemption of captives and was admitted to his profession at Barcelona by the holy founder, St. Peter Nolasc. Sent to Africa to ransom captives, he gave himself up as a hostage for the ransom of others after his funds had been exhausted. When he sought to convert Mohammedans to the true faith he was barbarously tortured until his ransom was sent from Spain. On his return to Spain he was appointed a Cardinal by Pope Gregory IX. He died in 1240 at Cordona while on his way to Rome.

Thursday, September 1.—St. Giles, Abbot, is said to have been an Athenian. He was a man of noble extraction, whose virtues in his own country made it impossible for him to have the solitude he desired. He sailed to France and his virtues were a stigma at the mouth of the Rhone. Later he moved to the river Gard and finally to the forests in the diocese of Nismes. He founded a monastery which later became an abbey of the Benedictine Order.

Friday, Sept. 2.—St. Stephen, King, was born in 977, the son of Geysa, fourth Duke of Hungary who, with his wife, had been converted to Christianity. When he ascended the throne, the Saint began to root out idolatry and founded monasteries and churches throughout the land. He died on his favorite feast, that of the Assumption, in 1038.

Saturday, Sept. 3.—St. Seraphia, virgin and martyr, was born at Antioch of Christian parents who fled to Italy from the persecution under Adrian. Resolving to consecrate her life to Christ she gave away all of her possessions and finally sold herself into slavery. Through the Saint's piety, her mistress, a Roman lady named Sabina, was converted to the named Sabina, was converted to the faith. Having been denounced as a Christian, the Saint was condemned to death by fire but miraculously escaped. She was later beheaded.

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