

The Pope's Encyclical on Labor

(Continued from Last Week)

Power of the State

It follows from the twofold character of ownership, which we have termed individual and social, that man must take into account the rights of others in the use of his property but also the common good.

Acquiring Ownership

The original acquisition of property takes place by first occupation, and by industry or, as it is called, specification. This is the universal teaching of tradition and the doctrine of our predecessor, despite unreasonable assertions to the contrary, and no wrong is done to any man by the occupation of goods, unclaimed and which belong to nobody.

Capital and Labor

Although different is the labor one man hires out to another, and which is expended on the property of another. To it apply aptly the words of Leo XIII. (7) "It is only by the labor of workmen that States grow rich" (35). Is it not, indeed, apparent that the huge possessions which are constantly being added to the world are the result of the labor of workmen, and that the laborer is the one who creates the wealth of the world?

Man's Natural Right

It is plain, however, that the State may not discharge this duty in an arbitrary manner. Man's natural right of possession and transmitting property by inheritance must remain intact and cannot be taken away by the State; for man's domestic household is antecedent to all political systems and to the gathering of men into a community" (33).

Capital's Unjust Claim

Capital, however, was long able to appropriate to itself excessive advantages; it claimed all the products and profits, and left to the laborer the barest minimum necessary to repair his strength and to insure the continuation of his class. For by an inexorable economic law, it was held, all accumulation of riches must fall to the share of the wealthy, while the workingman must remain perpetually in debt to the capitalist class.

An Alluring Poison

The cause of the harassed workingman was not only the "intellectuals" as they are called, who set up in opposition to this fiction a law another equally false moral principle: that all products and profits, excepting those reserved to repair and replace invested capital, belong by every right to the workingman. This error, more subtle than that of the Socialists, who hold that all means of production should be transferred to the State, or, as they term it, "socialized," is for that reason more dangerous and apt to deceive the unwary. It is an alluring poison, consumed with avidity by many not deceived by open socialism.

The Division of Goods

This teaching we ourselves have read here, when we wrote that the division of goods which is effected by private ownership is ordained by nature itself, and that for its purpose the created things may minister to man's needs in a just and stable fashion. These principles must be constantly borne in mind, if we would not wander from the path of truth.

While Berries Thrive

Use berries in season in as many forms as possible. They are healthy, delicious, and with them you can prepare dozens of surprise dishes that will delight your family and your friends. Here are two:

Parish Schools In Civic Parade Memorial Day

Blessed Sacrament, Immaculate Conception, St. Andrew's and Aquinas Bands Were Sources of Much Pride.

Various parish schools of the city had a fine part in the mammoth civic parade on Memorial Day, and the boys and girls from these schools received a warm reception along the line of march.

Camp Madonna Librarian at St. Bernard's, Rev. Prosper Liebert, S.T.B., Dies in Birthplace, Belgium

Was Connected With St. Bernard's Seminary From the Day of its Opening—Went to Home Land in April to Visit Sister.

The Rev. Prosper Liebert, S.T.B., Librarian at St. Bernard's Seminary from the day of the opening of the Seminary with the day of his death, died at Audenarde, Belgium, his birthplace, on May 21st, according to word just received here.

Band Concerts Every Wednesday At St. Theodore's

The Rev. John J. Baier, rector of St. Theodore's Church at Gates, announces this week that on very Wednesday evening, from 8:30 to 10:30 the Chilli Community Band will give a concert on the church grounds during the months of June, July and August.

Items of Interest From WHAM

Newton D. Baker's address to the graduating class of Mechanic's Institute will be carried to a network of stations at 10:30 p.m. Monday evening, June 8th, at 10:45 o'clock. The former Secretary of War in the Wilson cabinet will talk on "Adult Education."

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Outdoor Meals

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Plunk Sandwiches

Butter slices of bread. Place lettuce leaf thereon. Cover with sliced pickles—sweet or sour. Spread on other slice of bread with cold baked beans and combine two slices. These sandwiches may be made and eaten right on the picnic grounds.

Outdoor Platter

Cook steak, chops or ham as usual. Prepare potatoes, onion, and such cooked or green vegetables as you have ready. Between the meat and the vegetable use pickles in various kinds as garnishes and relishes.

Fruited Ice Cream

1 junket tablet
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