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THE SUBSIDIZED PRESS.

Every time the newspapers of the country, or any great proportion of them, oppose any movement, a cry goes up about the subsidized press. The newspapers are so inured to the false cry that they seldom pay any attention to it, but the probabilities are that few, very few, who use the term know its definition.

So far as dictionaries are concerned a subsidy is financial assistance, usually from a government, to some enterprise, the supposition being that support of the enterprise will be of benefit to the government or to the people of the government.

Every time The Sentinel expresses doubt as to the wisdom of some new proposal in government or some proposal to reform social conditions it is accused of being subsidized. It has even been accused of being subsidized by Wall street.

The truth of the matter is that there is no profession that is more independent than that of those who write editorials for the great mass of small city newspapers, of which The Sentinel is one. A statement that a newspaper like The Sentinel has been subsidized by Wall street is too ridiculous for serious consideration. Wall street isn't subsidizing newspapers, but they large or small.

Who then would subsidize a newspaper like The Sentinel? The Sentinel would like to know. Surely the government wouldn't be spending its money that way. What private interest is there sufficiently interested in what The Sentinel does and says to put up enough money to buy the opinions of this newspaper? It would be interesting to know. It might come handy to have an angel ready to meet the weekly payroll and to take up invoices from the paper houses.

So much for the subsidized press. There is no such thing, if the definitions of the dictionaries be used.

But some will say that newspapers are influenced by their advertisers. In fact, many have already said that. That is a much more likely statement. The Sentinel has no doubt that has happened somewhere in newspaper history, but this writer has been conducting newspapers for 36 years and never in all that time has an advertiser suggested to him what his editorial policy ought to be on any controversial subject. That speaks highly for advertisers of the country. When they buy advertising space they don't pretend to believe that they are buying anything else.

The Sentinel, like all newspapers, has taken a side on controversial issues that was contrary to the views of some of its advertisers. Every newspaper with any backbone has at times taken a side out of harmony with the opinions of many of its advertisers. Those who accuse newspapers of being fearful of every wish of an advertiser can recollect, if they wish to do so, many instances of advertisers using newspapers that took sides opposite to the one the advertisers took.

Advertisers use the newspapers to promote their businesses and instances are rare in which an advertiser refused to use a newspaper because the advertiser and the editor did not agree upon political or social questions.

If the time should ever come that newspapers were subservient to those using their advertising columns we could say good bye to democratic government.

SOAKING THE RICH.

We hear the president's new tax plan spoken of as soaking the rich. Even some of those favoring the tax use that expression. It should not be spoken of that way. If the tax is a fair one, it does not soak the rich in the generally accepted definition of that term.

It is necessary to evolve some plan to balance the national budget, to provide old age pensions and to put into effect other social reforms that rapidly changing conditions have made necessary. The only way that these things can be done is by taxing someone. The only tax that is worth while is one that can be paid by those whom it reaches without serious inconvenience to them.

If the rich can pay the tax proposed by the president without serious inconvenience to them, they are not being soaked.

There are many who recognize the benefits that have come from great combinations of capital. We could not have automobiles at a few hundred dollars without the great combinations of capital that

have made mass production possible. Many things that cost a few pennies would cost several dollars except for mass production.

But all combinations of capital are not used for the benefit of the people. Many combinations of capital have not come from producing something of benefit to society. Too many combinations of capital have been achieved without anything being given. Great fortunes have been established through manipulations of the stock market, through paying starvation wages, through getting a corner on some necessity of life, through selling watered stock to the public, through gypping the public in one way or another. Many great fortunes came to the owners without any effort on their part.

It is senseless to say that a man is any happier with a hundred millions than he would be with fifty millions. It is senseless to say that a man can have any more of the pleasures of life with two hundred millions than he can with a hundred millions.

In the opinion of this writer, despite all that great combinations of capital have done, great fortunes have become too great. Many who count their dollars in the hundreds of millions have done no more for humanity than some with a few thousand. That is hardly fair. Those with huge fortunes should do proportionately more for humanity than those with only a few thousands. Those with huge fortunes should do proportionately more for the government than those with a few thousands. Andrew Carnegie had the right idea.

This writer does not suggest that huge fortunes be divided with the rest of us, but the government does vastly more for those with great wealth than it does for the rest of us, and there is no earthly reason why those with huge fortunes shouldn't do big things for the government. A heavy tax upon those possessing great fortunes would take nothing from them that they need. A heavy tax upon them would not rob them of a single pleasure. It would not take from them the opportunity to give their children every opportunity there is to be had.

It is difficult to defend passing of topheavy fortunes over to those who have done nothing to earn or deserve them. Heavy inheritance taxes upon great masses of wealth are fair to the millions that are struggling for a few of the pleasures of life, and might save heirs to huge fortunes from many troubles which come to them merely because of the possession of more money than they can spend.

Don't call it soaking the rich. If the tax is fair it is merely taking from them something that they rightfully owe the government which protects them in the possession of great wealth and has made possible the accumulation of that wealth. Let those best able pay the government bills and let the little fellow have a chance.

A few days ago one young boy was seriously burned while playing with gunpowder and two others came near being seriously injured. With the Fourth of July only a few days away, this is a good time to suggest that sales of gunpowder to young boys should be prohibited.

The bite of a Black Widow spider is said to be fatal to an intoxicated person. If any self-respecting Black Widow should so far forget herself as to bite an intoxicated person, she probably would find the bite fatal to herself also.

A sign near a Wisconsin highway reads, "On this site the republican party was born." We Americans are great on erecting memorials to persons and things that have been.

Teddy Roosevelt was the apostle of large families and now Franklin Delano is flooding the country with baby bonds.

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There are some of us who can remember when the federal government was accused of being extravagant when it spent a few hundred thousand dollars to distribute garden seeds that wouldn't grow.

A paragrapher says brains are more important than legs. But did anyone ever see a picture of feminine brains?

A girl worrying about what dress to wear is proof that lots of persons worry without having anything to worry about.

The latest great disaster of the air was when Phooey Long's 15-hour filibuster fell flat.

REPLIES TO MRS. GABRIO.

To the Editor: Let me speak to Mrs. Gabrio, please. I shall ignore her personal thrusts at me.

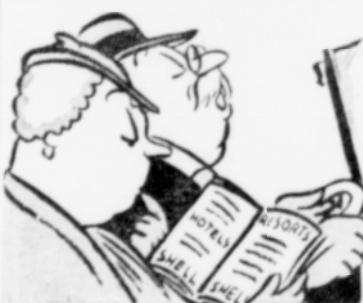
Mrs. Gabrio, if you were posted and honestly looking for the truth in this whole matter you would investigate. Your and my opinion is not worth a whoop and subsidized newspaper talk is 99.9 false. So let's go to reason and expert authority.

If your list of 8 reasons (?) is your best sample of your reasons, no wonder you wish for a club to maim an old man. Yes and his followers also.

If you knew Dr. Townsend, as many do at Long Beach, Cal., how kind and tender he has been in his long practice of medicine, doing charity and humanitarian work in his practice and is worth more to the world than a whole nation that think as you do. Seeing the need of so many, beyond the production period, sick, hungry, friendless, many wishing to die, put his big heart and fertile brain to action.

Can't our nation, with all its wealth, help poor old father and mother? Thinking it out and consulting with some such foremost economist as Dr. Robert D. Doane for a possible remedy. Then he associated with himself Mr. Clemens and the Townsend plan is the result, to put the nation on a plan that will insure a job for all able-bodied and a good living for all over 60—reducing the age as the machine displaces the laborers and perpetual prosperity for the nation by speedily turning the dollar at a low rate of transaction tax. All this unconstitutional? What? Unconstitutional to fix the hopper so the dollar will keep going and to all the people instead of emptying into Wall street? What folly! That thought came direct, it seems, from the great octopus. I read in a great book, in a long list of virtues—"love gentleness, goodness"—and it says "against such there is no law." But Wall street is like Slugs in Little Annie. And yet you trust Wall street and think it constitutional? Next letter will talk of your reason No. 2.

W. V. McGEE.
The Sentinel trusts Mr. McGee will not take offense at our calling attention to the fact that Mrs. Gabrio has never, in the columns of The Sentinel, said anything that could be construed as opposition to provision for "pa and ma."

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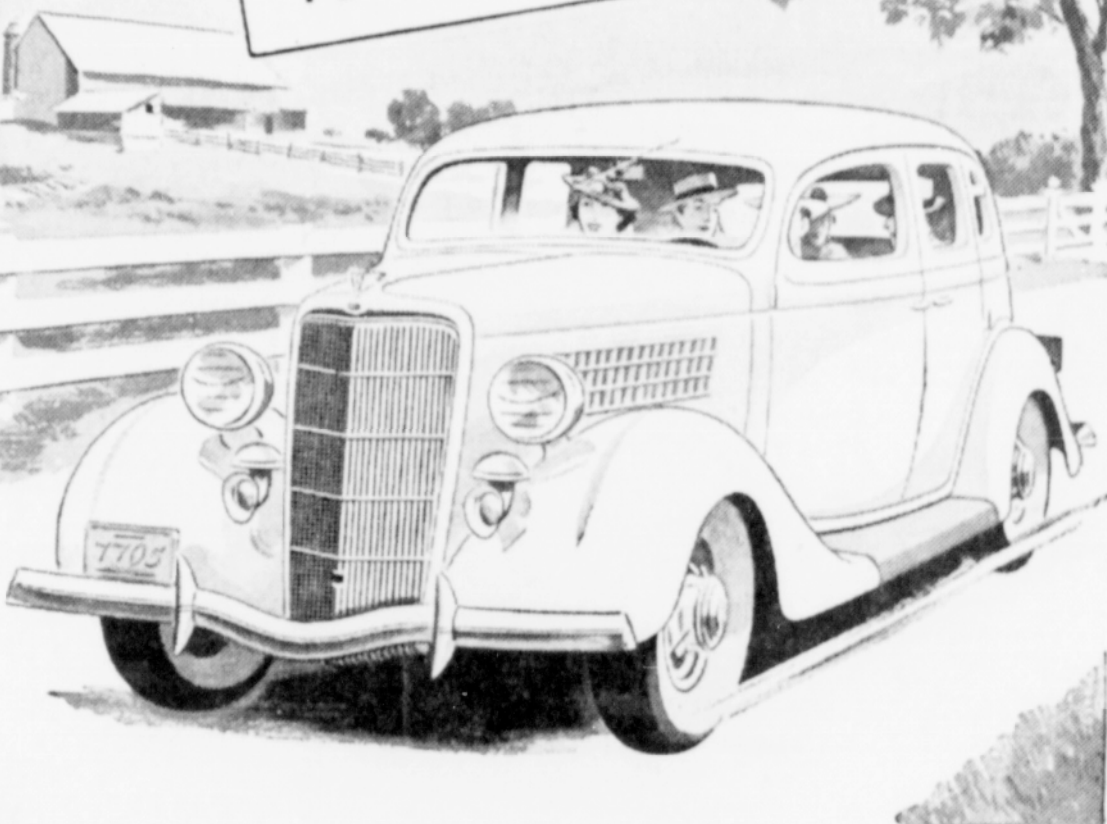
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EVENING of SATURDAY
JULY 13

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