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SPOILS PACKERS ARGUMENT.

The big meat packers have argued that great size and the many products over which they have control, enable them to do business more economically than smaller concerns.

Dr. Lewis H. Haney, Chief Economist for the Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association, has recently made some studies which lead him to deny the truth of the packers' claim.

He says: "We have figures, taken by the Government from the packers' books, showing the packers' net profits during the ten years down to 1918. We also know the volume of the sales of each one, and the percentages of their live-stock purchases which they are said to have paid as an expense division of its total business."

When we range the packers in the order of size, we find that the points show no evidence that the big ones make any more than the little ones:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Average Profits—1908-1918. Includes Swift (14.4%), Armour (10.6%), Morris (9.2%), Wilson (14.3%), Cudahy (11.0%).

"There is a wide difference in size among the so-called big ones, Wilson and Cudahy being the smallest, Durbin, Morris and Swift Armour the more business than both combined. But both Wilson and Cudahy made a higher rate of profit."

Dr. Haney further points out that one of the packing companies has stuck more closely to meat-packing than the others, and has not tried to gain control over the grocery business of the country.

"Several little independent meat packers, who the Big ones do not live, make higher rates of profit than any of the Big 5. I conclude that, neither their enormous size, nor their efforts to control hundreds of products outside of meat, have given the big packers any economy in production."

A COUNTRY IN TURMOIL.

Pessimists are wondering "what is the country coming to." Optimists dismiss the present industrial situation in the manufacturing districts with a shrug.

But there is a middle ground of sane, sober thought to which every man should lend himself seriously. There is only one side to the decision of right of violence on the part of any man who has a grievance.

There are, no doubt, excesses in the demands of labor in some instances, just as there are excesses in the requirements and regulations of capital.

The demands of one are made under stress, and regulations of the other are made on theory, far from the molling of the man who produces. Let us not forget that.

So, when we consider the acts of men in leaving their work because suspension of activity is the only way they can secure redress, we must consider that they have a cause, many times other than the fancied ones of "walking delegates."

This was shown in a recent investigation by Senator Kenyon. It has been recognized by President Wilson and his courage in demanding fair treatment of labor has brought down upon his head maledictions from the capitalistic side and an inspired press.

We have no patience with the man who quits a job and wants to kill another needy individual who takes it. But we have all sympathy for the man who is giving all that is in him for his employer without due recognition and reward.

PRESIDENT STANDS FIRM.

In his letter, made public today, to the Industrial Conference being held at Washington, President Wilson again shows the kind of stuff he is made of.

Perhaps his stand will not be popular with a majority, as the majority may be influenced in its opinions by self interest, but the insistence of the President that men chosen for the important task of adjusting affairs for the common good will meet with general and unbiased approval.

The President called the industrial conference with an idea of eliminating all jockeying for position, all consideration of self interest. Indeed, it was a difficult task to get men who could view matters in a light other than self interest, and it may be that the present conference will yet fail to arrive at a common understanding on collective bargaining and the extent to which labor can go in demanding its just due.

adequate payment of teachers doubtless causes them to be discontented and resentful, it would be a reflection on their intelligence as unkind as on their honesty to describe them as saying, in effect, "All right—if you don't pay us what our services to you are worth, we will turn Bolshevist, take your children over with us into the Bolshevist camp, and pull down the social structure built by so many centuries of endeavor."

Here and there may be a teacher of that sort, but the great majority of them have too much sense to do it—if not for better reasons, then because they know their own condition would be made worse instead of better by the establishment of a proletarian dictatorship.

Some other explanation than poverty must be found for the drift away from the ancient verities of certain teachers.

SUCH TREATIES NEED AMENDMENT.

Presumably the State Department knows what can and cannot be done without violating treaties made by the United States with other nations. It is painful, and heretofore hard, however, to accept as conclusive the assertion of the department that our treaties will not permit us to accept persons who, before this country had entered the war, had applied for naturalization, and then withdrew the demand on discovering that unless they did so they would be compelled to render military service.

Nobody could be more unworthy to live here than the man who did that, for he revealed himself as willing to take all the country could give of opportunity and protection, only to recoil when the first demand on him for something in return was made. He is more despicable, is not more dangerous, than the alien who is a militant enemy, and any treaty that forbids his instant expulsion from the country should be amended as soon as possible.

That such a treaty protects Americans abroad is not easily conceivable. At any rate, it doesn't protect any Americans who are worth protecting. Those that want to carry out a like policy across the sea can well be spared—permanently.

It would be a calamity indeed if the proposed bond issue for properly equipping the new school building fails to carry, but it seems to us that some definite steps should be taken by the school board to familiarize the people with just what the bond issue means.

An indication of the general prosperity in Florida are the reports coming into the general offices of the Southern Utilities Co., and which will be published shortly in the service bulletin of that company. Everywhere plants are loaded to capacity and having trouble in securing sufficient equipment to keep pace with the growing business.

Palatka real estate men are not evincing much enthusiasm or faith in the goods they have for sale, as is shown by the conspicuous absence of advertising, both in the newspapers and elsewhere.

Florida's fruit crop has been estimated by J. R. Fuller, of Tampa, an expert, as ten million boxes. If his figures are correct there will be more citrus fruit money flowing this way in a few weeks than ever before in history, as prices are said to be unusually good—we won't say high.

Spuds will be in great demand this year, from all reports, and Hastings growers who are fortunate enough to get a good crop can expect another bumper year in the golden coin.

Joe Earman is making a big stir about the location of the leprosarium in Florida and has gone to Washington to tell Surgeon General Blue what he thinks about it. We have some worse things in Florida than lepers in the flesh.

The weather bureau is hanging fire an awful long time on that announcement of cooler weather.

Just one continuous stream of automobiles going down the east coast now. What a boon it would be to Palatka if this road was routed by way of Green Cove Springs and Palatka.

Gainesville is making a determined fight for the routing of the Pinellas special, over the Coast Line, by that city. The old town is taking on new life with such live wires as Pepper, Taylor and Col. Bob Davis, the revered mayor of the municipality.

Pensacola hasn't given up the fight for the Centennial by any means. A big mass meeting was scheduled to take place there last night to make new plans with General Ben Hancock, chief of staff, scheduled to lay down a verbal barrage that is sure to rout the enemy.

Many of our local citizens are yanking remedies for the high cost of living out of the limpid waters of the St. Johns. Wish we had time to apply the remedy.

We haven't heard any noises recently from that section of the United States Senate inhabited by the Hon. Park Trammell. Park is still making gestures like Colonel House.

Eighteen months ago we were all wishing for the end of the war so prices would take a slump. We are told in today's dispatches that there has been a slight decline in summer fabrics. Holy Moses!

Quail hunting is a lure to which we may not be able to yield this winter, but we implore all good sports to see to it that the limitations placed on killing birds be strictly observed, and enforced, if necessary.

Clemenceta said recently he will retire to private life. On the next load of press dispatches comes the announcement that he will run for President. So far as we see the President of France is just a little more of a figurehead than is the King of England.

Palatka merchants are beginning to realize the efficacy of advertising. It will be the same old story as has been told of other cities. The firms which have the foresight and business judgment to advertise will soon crowd the other merchants to the end of the main street and then on to the back street o bankruptcy.

Hayes Lewis has already avowed that he has done with the Democratic party and is now tied up with DeBeery and Van Booser. What a triangle.

KING OF SPAIN KEEN TO FIGHT FOR FRENCH

tag KING OF SPAIN SAID HE WAS ON HIS HORSE READY TO GO

Gave Assurances to Paris So French Army Corps Was Remoted From Frontier.

PARIS, Oct. 21—The King of Spain, who is on his way to Paris for a visit, wanted to come to the aid of France with his army at the outbreak of the war, according to a statement by the Spanish Ambassador, J. Quinones De Leon, printed in Le Journal today.

The Ambassador said that the King called the French Ambassador to the Palace on the first day of the mobilization and said to him: "You may send to your eastern frontier the 18th Corps that guards the frontier of the Pyrenees, I will answer for frontier."

The 18th Corps, which on King Alfonso's assurance, was then released from the Pyrenees, is said to have captured Thann, in Alsace-Lorraine, under command of General Djas-Latnerne.

Later, during the dark days of August, the Ambassador declares Alfonso again took up the question with the Cabinet, saying: "I want, astride my horse, to go to the aid of France with all my cavalry."

Senor de Leon asserts that the Cabinet made it clear to the King that the Spain of Charles V. had become a constitutional monarchy.

"During the war we were not neutral," Senor de Leon said. "We could not admit this officially, but it is true."

Asked concerning the paralysis of commerce between France and Spain, Senor de Leon said it was due to the instability of exchange. He declared that Spain asked nothing better than the organization of an international establishment for the stabilization of the finances of the world, adding that the instability of exchange would bring death to business.

The French newspapers, commenting on Alfonso's visit, dwell on the King's role during the war, pointing out that he intervened personally with Germany in favor of 125,000 French and Belgian soldiers, about 8,000 British and more than 6,000 Italian troops; that he obtained the pardon of nineteen persons condemned to death, and secured the repatriation of 70,000 deported civilians and 20,000 ill or mutilated prisoners of war.

Ambassador deLeon has gone to the frontier to meet King Alfonso. There is a notable gathering of grandees now in Paris in connection with the royal visit. Delegates from the families of war prisoners and wounded will be presented to Alfonso during his visit in order that they may express their thanks for his charitable intervention on behalf of war victims.

WHAT ROOSEVELT FUND IS TO BE USED FOR

The objects of the Roosevelt Memorial Association, to be carried out with the co-operation of its members and the funds subscribed by them, have been clearly stated by Hon. Elihu Root, member of the national executive committee. They follow:

First, to improve the land that has been given at Oyster Bay for a Roosevelt Memorial Park.

Second, to erect a monumental memorial in Washington, D. C., which will rank with the Washington monument and the Lincoln Memorial. The form which this memorial will take cannot be now determined; this must rest largely with the architects and sculptors who will be called to design the most appropriate and dignified monument that can be built.

Third, the establishment of a Roosevelt Society or Foundation to carry on Colonel Roosevelt's spirit of Americanism and perpetuate and keep alive the uncompromising patriotism of which he was so essentially the exponent.

ORLANDO'S WOMAN CANDIDATE

ORLANDO, Oct. 21—Mrs. A. B. Whitman has announced her candidacy for the office of city commissioner at the coming primary. Mrs. Whitman has served for several years on the city park board and is a lady of intelligence, force of character and with a host of friends her candidacy throws an entirely new alignment and condition in the municipal political campaign. Before her marriage to Dr. A. B. Whitman, of this city, Mrs. Whitman was Miss Maud Neff, of Jacksonville.

GOVERNMENT FIGHTING "WILDCAT" PROMOTERS

ATLANTA, Oct. 22—The co-operation of State Securities Commissions and Secretaries of State in the Southeast, is being sought by Silas W. Davis, Government Director of the saving division of the War Loan Organization of this district, in the fight on "wild cat" stock promoters and swindlers who are operating in this section.

Investigations recently made at the instance of Director Davis developed the fact that swindlers operating in this district are getting rich thru the sale of fake stock, "land leases," and "certificates of participation" in alleged oil companies and other corporations. Owners of Government securities, War Savings Stamps, Liberty Bonds and Treasury Savings Certificates—are being induced to part with their holdings in exchange for these so-called "stocks" which promise a higher rate of interest, it is said.

There will be no distribution of free seed by the government until about December 1, according to a letter The Daily News has received from Senator Fletcher. The letter follows:

I am receiving a great many requests for seed furnished Members of Congress by the United States Department of Agriculture for free distribution, and in order that you may be informed beg to say that, the Department advises me the seed will not be available for distribution this year until about December first, at which time I shall be very glad to forward an assortment to those whose requests have been received.

The Department places an assortment of seed in each package thus making it impossible to supply a quantity of a particular kind.

FRENCH BEGIN PUBLIC SALE OF A. E. F. STOCKS

Organizations to Have Priority in Disposal of Material Bought from United States.

PARIS, Oct. 21—The Government announces that sales of the stocks bought from the American Expeditionary Force will begin at once. They will be disposed of to co-operative societies, agricultural syndicates, chambers of commerce, provisioning organizations, communes and departments and public institutions, the applications of which will have priority. Sales of automobiles by public auction will be continued.

Sales to individuals will begin Nov. 3 at the principal warehouses of the American Expeditionary Force in Paris, Le Mans, Brest, Tours, and other headquarters of the service of supply. The articles to be offered to consumers direct include linen, clothing, bedding, office supplies, hardware, machines, medical supplies, and surgical instruments.

The foodstuffs bought of the American Expeditionary Force already are being disposed of through co-operative societies and Government sales at barracks and through regular retail merchants.

CANADIA VOTING ON BOOZE.

Election Today to see If Temperance Act Will Stand.

TORONTO, Oct. 21—The electorate of the Province of Ontario including women of age, are voting today on the retention or repeal of the Ontario temperance act, by virtue of which the province has been dry since 1916. The ballot will take the form of a referendum of four questions, and the voters' lists show that 1,600,000 persons are entitled to vote, double the number who voted at the last elections, owing to the extension of the franchise to women. On the same day a new Legislature will be elected and the combined event is expected to result in the casting of a much larger vote than is usually counted upon for a political contest alone.

POLAND WONT AID GERMANS.

Assures Baltic States That She Will Do Nothing to Help Attack.

WARSAW, Oct. 21—As a result of the commencement of hostilities by the German-Russian forces against Lithuania, M. Skrynski, the Polish Undersecretary of State, has informed the Ambassadors of the Baltic States that they could with perfect security concentrate against the Germans and Russians, declaring that Poland would never, even indirectly aid enterprises of Prussian militarism.

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