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TELEGRAPHERS' STRIKE

The striking telegraphers are reported to have made overtures to President Roosevelt to take part in the work of bringing about the arbitration of differences between them and the two telegraph companies, and when the fact was made known to General Superintendent Brooks of the Western Union company he is reported as saying:

"We have all the men we desire, and there is no need for us to seek to secure the services of the men who left the employ of the company. Furthermore, we will never again tolerate the conditions that existed before the strike. The action of the union operators before the strike, in deliberately interfering with the business of the company, and in abusing those who failed to join their organization, will never occur again in the operating rooms of the Western Union Telegraph company. There are 175 operators who were employed in this city by this company prior to the strike who will never again secure work with the company. They were all trouble makers."

If Superintendent Brooks said these things, especially the blacklist sentence, he has done more to help the striking men to the good will of the public than any act of their own could have done. It is but a few days since the National Association of Manufacturers appeared in these columns through its president and said:

"In every instance in which I have heard the blacklist mentioned by members of the National Association of Manufacturers, or by employers of any sort or in any place, it was condemned as a cowardly oppression of the weak by the strong. For this practice no defense, no apology, has ever been offered or ever can be offered which is worth a moment's consideration. To this statement there are no exceptions, no reservations, no limitations. The question of the blacklist has only one side, and that side is base."

The statement was and is so true, so filled with the spirit of tolerance and forbearance that The Herald gave to it unusual editorial space in helpful comment, and now would call the careful attention of Superintendent Brooks and all men who employ labor to its words and their meaning.

The blacklist and the boycott stand out in the history of labor-capital troubles as the newer proof that two wrongs cannot make a right, and as certain indicators that both elements have a deadline of action over which public opinion will not follow. How arbitrary, even tyrannous, are these words from Vice President Nally of the Postal Telegraph Cable company, in the light of the foregoing utterance of representative employers of labor:

"There is not the slightest ground for the report that we are to arbitrate with the strikers. Notify all offices and assure all that there will be no compromise, and to pay no heed to reports to the contrary."

The "blacklist" deliverance of Mr. Brooks, and the arbitrary refusal to discuss the matter in issue by Vice President Nally give ringing force to the charges of unfair dealing made against both corporations by the telegraphers, and serve to condemn the assumed attitude of tolerance toward striking labor as being insincere and open to the charge of hypocrisy. If these men after due hearing can be made to see they erred why not engage them? Why not hear them that it may be determined who is right and who is wrong? The idle boasts of injudicious individual strikers should not weigh in the minds of men of large mental caliber against the rights or claims of labor as a whole.

The striking telegraphers have been remarkably peaceful and law-abiding, and have won a large share of popular good will, and the people believe these men should have their day in court that it may be known beyond doubt just what the merits of both sides are. The people are vastly more concerned for a settlement than either warring faction seems to be, and something must be done to meet that general demand.

Blacklists and arbitrary rulings will not suffice to still public clamor for a speedy and lasting settlement of this hurtful labor trouble.

JAPANESE EXCLUSION

OUT of the mire of conflict on the Japanese exclusion troubles in Canada, one thing is now made clear to all the world. In the fact that the premier of Canada himself places the benefits of foreign trade above the welfare of the producing class which makes that trade possible. In answer to a demand for immediate steps looking to the abrogation of the existing Japanese treaty, made by the dominion trades and labor congress, Premier Laurier replied:

"Alphonse Verville, M. P., president Trades and Labor council, Winnipeg, Man.: I have given due consideration to your request that immediate steps be taken to terminate the treaty with Japan. I would observe that this treaty when brought into existence some fifteen years ago did not apply to Canada and that some few years ago, in response to the repeated expression of public opinion and with a view of affording to Canadian producers an opportunity of taking their share of the growing Japanese trade, the Canadian government became a party to this treaty and that it was unanimously ratified by the Canadian parliament. The treaty has proved of great advantage and our trade with Japan under it has been considerably increased."

kan provinces prove how deeprooted is the opposition to coolie immigration, and the end cannot be said to be in sight till the federal power of Canada abrogates or recalls action on the existing treaty, and frees the people from the curse of cheap alien labor.

In telling contrast with immigration to American countries is the exclusion law still rampant in Japan against white men everywhere, but in so-called treaty or residential districts. Such a law, made effective in 1899 and, still in force, forbids Europeans, Americans or Chinese from laboring, fishing, mining, manufacturing or other form of industry, and practically inflicts on foreigners the same checks of which they complain in America. Treaty stipulations alter this law for Englishmen, but it is in force against citizens of this country. If it were inviting to capital to exploit Japan as Japanese are now exploiting the several fields of opportunity in America, the reception of our people in Japan would be far less gentle than is the reception of Japanese here.

It is certain to come—by fair means or foul—that exclusion laws to protect labor in all North America must be passed, or—again by fair means or foul—the people will arise and compel their passage and enforcement, for after all is said and done the one great solvent of all the trouble is to keep Asiatics of all countries out of American territory and away from conflict and competition with our workmen.

MONSTROUS WRONG

THE extraordinary earnings—stealing rather—rolled up by the several subsidiary concerns which go to make the Standard Oil monopoly around the people who looked for great sums, but dared not go to the limit reached by the facts. In some cases a thousand per cent in profits was made, and when the mind travels back over the millions of by roads over which this tremendous treasure passed it finds in the examination that the very poor and very needy of all the masses are they who made up the sum from slender means or starvation wages. Normal manhood feels the spur of a just indignation at thought of this and demands the fullest reparation by these leagued devils who have coined wealth from the hovels, sheds and garrets that house millions of our poorest people and dared to hold up their heads among good-hearted and honest men. Some wrongs are so glaring and mean as to outstrip honest indignation and leave the heart a prey to anger, and this wholesale robbery of the very poor under the mask of lawful business is one of them.

John D. Rockefeller, during his periodical visits to the University of Chicago, sat with President Harper on the rostrum of the chapel while a thousand young men and women were present, intent on morning prayer. Within gunshot of him, in any direction, were thousands of men, women and children, who in the fierce war for life, dug food from garbage cans and market receptacles and backyard premises—anywhere and everywhere a morsel might be had to stay life, and they managed to live while the sun was over the horizon, but when darkness came even these social outcasts must procure the ten cents in money necessary to pay the tax he represented on them, to get oil to see the misery of the places they called home. In the chapel, where men hope God is, in spirit, this man sat and heard the law of love expounded; while in the world outside, where men have come to know God really is, with the deserving poor and needy, he was responsible for a sale meanness than that of Judas, and far more cruel, in that Judas, seeing his crime, repented—Rockefeller never repents.

It is idle to speculate on the legal outcome of this monstrous wrong on a whole nation, but it holds a lesson which the American people must learn sooner or later if they would be free from similar wrongs; and it is that unlimited money gives any man or men unlimited power, and that while the rights of property are and should be sacred some legal bulwark is necessary to protect the people from ill-gotten wealth, so fabulous in measure as to threaten the very laws which made its attainment possible, and which even now has a standing that challenges the government itself. The prompt development of the requisite measures and the men to carry them out is the problem of the hour.

Ellhu Root, having returned from two months' training at Muldoon's farm, where champagne-leached millionaires are rejuvenated, will give his country three days of his valuable services, draw his pay and start on a long junket to Mexico. Verily some public offices are public snags.

Now they have accused a dead man of the assassination of Goebel in Kentucky. The Taylor-Powers defense has made a fair case, but the relatives of the alleged murderer threaten to prove an alibi for Igo.

"The older men are retiring from the management of Standard Oil affairs," says a recent news item, but it's a safe bet that the telephone and telegraph wires, from their respective headquarters, are just as busy as formerly.

Wonder if that San Pedro plumber who was nearly frozen to death while inspecting an ice plant sent himself a bill of 90 cents per hour for thawing out his own "pipes," just through force of habit.

In support of his assertion that a certain clubwoman was intoxicated, a Chicago parson declares the fair tippler offered to pay her dues three times. Pretty strong evidence!

William G. Rockefeller has disappeared again, and just when officers were seeking to serve a subpoena on him. Are the other members of the family just as smooth as oily John?

TOURISTS ARE COMING

FALL SEASON OPENS AND RUSH BEGINS
TRAINLOADS REACH LOS ANGELES DAILY
Hotel Men Prepare for Season That They Declare Will Break All Former Records for Traffic

Yesterday was the first day of the fall season, and with that in mind hotel men all over Southern California, but particularly those of Los Angeles, are making elaborate preparations for the coming tourists.

Of course there are preparations made each year, but it is more particularly the case now as the managers of the various hosteries are expecting a record-breaking season.

Several of the hotels have enlarged their lobbies or some other similar important changes. The Van Nuys has improved its office. Now it is more completed and yesterday it was occupied for the first time. It is beautifully designed in colored marble and polished oak, and adds materially to the grace and distinction of its magnificent lobby.

The Alexandria has done little in the way of making new fixtures or radical changes. Said Mr. Whitmore, the manager: "Judging from the manner in which our register is constantly being crowded we believe that if matters continue at this rate we will have the most successful tourist season in the history of Los Angeles. This city is now being more and more of a cosmopolitan character, and the many conventions which have been held here during the last several months add not a little to the national reputation Los Angeles is acquiring as a resort."

There is nothing to deter the representative of the automobile from spending the winter season in this city in preference to a season in Europe. That was the old way. It is losing its value, however, as a fad, and California is growing every year in recognition of its appropriate importance as a resort.

Looking over the registers of the various hotels the truth of Mr. Whitmore's words is apparent. It is plainly evident from a commercial point of view alone that the traveling man's visits to this city are growing more numerous each year.

Fifteen Thousand This Month
Already thousands of tourists are arriving daily. In the last month more than 15,000 people were extended the courtesies of this city.

The hotels have had their share of this vast influx and the registers testify to it. The Westminster has been the great attraction for the automobile tourists. From all over the country men and women are registering at the hotels. From Maine to Florida and from Washington to the lowest southern point of this state tourists are here. And that is not all. Some are registered from Russia and Germany, Mexico and Egypt.

E. C. Loomis, co-manager of the Angelus with his brother, Harry Loomis, also has his views of the coming tourist season. Yesterday he remarked: "If business conditions continue as they have been in the past two months, in spite of the dullness that a summer season usually entails, I should venture to state that the coming tourist season will be a record-breaker. There were a number of in-

stances last winter when we were so crowded that we were forced to turn guests away. This year we have arranged matters so that we are prepared to accommodate a much larger number of tourists than last year. We have made no radical improvements, but the rooms have been somewhat differently arranged that we can accommodate a greater number of guests. I think each year is bringing more and more tourists to this country, and hotel men as such are not regretting the fact."

The other hotels, notably the Lankershim, are spending considerable time and much more money to "see their way through" for the winter season, as H. Alden of the Nadeau says.

Mr. Lankershim of the Lankershim hotel has been with the French Lick Springs hotel and the Auditorium Annex of Chicago and knows what a tourist season is. Yesterday he said: "It would seem almost ridiculous to say that we were crowded during the summer season, but it is nevertheless the case. Each day has brought more guests than the other until now the hotel is fairly filled. It is not probable that there will be any rush of tourists to California before the middle part of next month, but business is highly satisfactory as it is. Hotel men do not call this the beginning of the tourist season, although the railroad men are estimating the daily influx of easterners by the thousands. As far as I am concerned the tourist season has begun and I am ready for it."

John S. Mitchell, manager of the Hollenbeck, seems to be little worried over the situation of the incoming tourist rush. "We have had no trouble so far, and why should we expect any this year? The Hollenbeck is a large and well equipped hotel and is capable of accommodating all the guests any tourist season can bring. I am prepared."

Los Angeles hotel managers are little worried over the prospect of this winter. If at all they are worried about how to accommodate the record-breaking influx.

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The enrollment, judging from the applications received by Secretary Craig to date, is estimated at one hundred and forty, sixty of this number being freshmen. A majority of the old students will return to finish their courses.

Much interest centers at the present time in the annual student body elections. The presidential contest especially promises to be exciting.

C. N. Dickinson was unanimously elected nominee of the "short hair" party, representing the radical element, at the caucus held last week. E. H. Allen will head the "sorehead" ticket, signifying the order of reformers and independents, while the "long-hairs," following their usual conservative custom, have not yet announced the result of their deliberations.

In the future The Herald will issue to subscribers holding six months contracts The Housekeeper, instead of The Woman's Home Companion. The Housekeeper is preferred by many of our readers. It is bright, full of excellent articles of special interest to women.

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