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EDITORIALS — FEATURES



On the Issue of Americanism There Can Be No Compromise

HAVE WE BEEN FOOLED? WE CAN SOON TELL

From Washington it is announced that American business will lose \$10,000,000 a day because of the closing of the British markets thru the railroad strike. As Americans we might be supposed to be rising early and weeping large and frequent globules of home-made, salty tears because of this loss to our brother manufacturers and exporters, our brother packers and slaughterers, our brother millers and leather merchants. But probably the tide of woe will be discovered to have several ebbs and back eddies in it before it drowns much of anybody here at home.

As a matter of fact we, the average ultimate consumer, have a distinct impression that we will get some of this \$10,000,000 that the exporters say they are about to lose.

We have been informed that it was because of the demand of foreign nations for our foodstuffs, our leather, our wheat and our cotton and wool that we had to pay such top lofty prices for the necessities of life.

Presumably some of this blockaded ten million dollars worth a day of material foods and supplies will be thrown on the domestic market and the American consumer can perhaps buy on a business basis instead of a gambling basis.

We have been forced to bid against a hungry world that cared nothing about prices, so it secured what it wanted.

This is said to have been the chief reason for the high prices of everything from pork to rubbers, from dress goods to babies' bibs.

If the foreign demand is thus abruptly shortened we should have cheaper prices, if there be any reason, justice or sense, in business any more.

Among the goods shut off the British market are cotton, tobacco, pork and pork products, sugar, gasoline, leather, preserves, salmon, steel, condensed milk, wheat, flour, eggs and corn.

The American public will do well to watch and see if these leading staples begin to decline.

If they do, we will know that the old law of supply and demand is still sticking around the premises.

But if prices in these commodities do not drop, we will now that we are paying double prices because the great interests of the country are exploiting the consumer, and that neither labor charges, federal taxes, nor cost of raw materials is the determining factor, but instead plain, ugly greed is the final cause, and that we have been exploited, robbed, and in addition, been fooled by lying excuses.

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It's a Comfort to Know the Worst Has Happened. —By McKee.



CHINA BY DR. FRANK CRANE

From a little pamphlet published by a Missionary Society, I pick the following facts: China has the largest population of any country in the world, one-fourth of all the world's people. Shall we be able to introduce Western civilization into China? There is a proverb that "China is the sea that salts everything that flows into it."

In the Editor's Mail

OBJECTS TO "SANITARY FILL" Editor Star: I notice that different physicians and our city health officer, Dr. H. M. Read, are taking steps to prevent the recurrence of the influenza epidemic. I would like to suggest to Dr. Read that he begin at the city dump, located just off Eastlake and north of the Washington laundry. It is surprising to me why people in that vicinity do not protest.

MAKE IT SAFE FOR "ARTISTS" Editor Star: Holdups are working nightly near the Stimson saw mills. If you will publish this fact it may stop them for a while. They are stopping workers from midnight on and Chief Warren should go after these thugs instead of worrying about the shimmie dance.

WEALTH A STRANGE THING Editor The Star: Permit me to congratulate you on your front page editorial in a recent issue on "Wealth Is a Strange Thing." You have put into these few paragraphs a whole volume of economic history. I have tried to make the

Greatest Wastes in Retailing BY RICHARD SPILLANE

Beef, corn, flour, lard, pork and various other foodstuffs continue to decline. Vegetables, fruits and other perishable foods show little reduction. Neither is there sign of a lowering of rents or of the price of building materials. Each week for the last month records improvement— that is, a cheapening—in the whole group of articles included in the cost of living, but not enough to be pronounced.

TOMORROW

On October 2, 322 B. C., Aristotle, the famous Greek philosopher, died. He committed suicide by drowning, and it is said that he threw himself into the Euripus because he despaired of finding a satisfactory explanation for the rise and fall of his tides.

On October 2, 1394, Richard II., having made a truce with France, landed in Ireland with a large force of men and succeeded in reducing the natives to obedience. Ireland at that time was divided into different kingdoms and in the absence of the English knights had refused to pay revenue.

On October 2, 1729, the Pennsylvania Gazette was first issued.

On Oct. 2, 1750, a violent hurricane swept over the West Indies, devastating the Island of Jamaica. Twelve warships lying in the harbor were lost and whole villages were swept out of existence. In one town of 200 inhabitants not a sign of life was left.

On October 2, 1803, Samuel Adams, governor of Massachusetts, died. Adams was influential in forwarding the Revolution and when the English were willing to offer pardon to all the patriots Adams and Hancock were proscribed.

MADE FAMOUS BY DOING GOOD

Grateful people from all parts of Canada and the United States gladly write and cheerfully tell what Wonder Health Restorer did for them.

Read What Well-Known Seattle Woman Says of This Famous Treatment

Mrs. M. H. McKinnon is a trained nurse and nursed all through the "Flu" epidemic last year. Mrs. J. S. Rankin, Care Rankin Agency, 931 West 63rd St., Seattle, Wash.

Dear Mrs. Rankin: In justice to the Wonder Health Restorer I feel that I must express my appreciation to you in writing. By profession I am a trained nurse and after passing through the grueling experience of the "Flu" epidemic last year I found myself in an absolutely run-down condition.

Mr. Black used it for Rheumatism. "It is sure a wonderful thing to see me going around like a young man after suffering with rheumatism on and off for 25 years. I came to Vancouver 44 years ago and I have spent most of my time in B. C. Many a time I have been crippled for months at a time, but would get something to give me temporary relief. I have tried all the Hot Springs in B. C., getting the long-est relief from Halcyon Hot Springs. I also tried all kinds of dope and used 72 bottles of liniment, which was recommended to me; but I never found the real cure until I got this "Wonder Health Restorer."

"I am 73 years of age and it has sure made a wonderful cure of my case. After the first five-dollar treatment, I could feel my circulation getting better and my stomach and nerves getting stronger. I now feel better than I have for twenty years. You may use this testimony in any way you wish, and I hope it will be the means of other sufferers trying this Great Herbal Cure. JAMES N. BLACK, Cordova and Cambie Streets, Vancouver, B. C.

"Wonder Health Restorer" is the distilled essence of herbs having distinct properties for the relieving of human suffering and weakness. The formula was prepared years ago by a great Scotch Herbalist and thousands of persons today testify to the good it has accomplished.

Wonder Health Restorer contains not a trace of alcohol or any narcotic drug. Its wonderful work is accomplished by imparting to the blood the beneficial and healing properties of the herbs it contains. The blood carries these through the system, thus carrying nature's treatment direct to the affected organs and there it grapples with the trouble as only Nature can.

The above testimonials are only two of thousands—covering many forms of disease—in which sufferers tell of the wonderful relief obtained by the use of "Wonder Health Restorer."

Try this preparation. The cost of ordinary treatment is only 10 cents per day. Wonder Health Restorer is sold at \$2.00 per bottle, or a treatment of 3 bottles for \$5. With each \$5 treatment is given a bottle of Wonder Bitter Tonic, a wonderful regulator for the bowels.

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Mail orders to out of town points filled by communication with the Rankin Agency.

Show Them All Up!

All het up about present high prices and the war-profiteering that becomes very evident in this after-the-war period, Senator Walsh (Mass.) urges publicity of income tax returns so the American people may know just "who's who" in respect of the mad, merry game of mulcting the people.

The first has been stated by Walsh. We want to know where our dollar is going—the one dollar out of the three, or four, or five, we spend that does not represent, butter, or beef, or shoes, or movie tickets, or near-beer that we get, but the profit that SOMEBODY gets on these things.

The second is that publicity of returns would be the surest guarantee the government could invent against tax dodging, by figure manipulation or plain mis-statement of facts or otherwise.

By all means let them be shown up, the profiteers and the tax-dodgers! But not only the war-profiteers and the war-tax dodgers. Publicity of returns should be made part and parcel of the preamble of every income and inheritance tax law that congress can be coaxed into passing, now and forever after.

Leading business men of Topeka, Kan., held a meeting and decided newspapers had no right to print stories of either alleged or proven profiteering. Here is one more answer to William Allen White's famous query: "What's the matter with Kansas?"

Enforce It All the Time

A few weeks ago the police engaged in a drive against traffic law violators and speeders. Several hundred auto drivers were arrested and the police judge slapped on heavy fines. A few motorists served terms in the city jail. Even the sheriff's office became wrought up, and entered the battle. New motorcycles were provided for county officers. The auto drivers were startled at the sudden display of energy on the part of the officers. A club of careful drivers was organized and a "safety-first" week inaugurated, during which several were badly hurt and scores slightly injured in auto smashups.

But Seattle has had its little flurry of enforcing the traffic laws and the drive has stopped.

And the speeder owns the boulevards, dashes around the corners, surries past the street car that is discharging or taking on passengers. It's all lovely and will be lovely—until some one is killed by the speed hog. The driver may be arrested and fined a few dollars, and the public wrath will be appeased by the arrest of a few autoists.

Why wait until a speed hog kills a baby that has strayed into the road? Why delay law enforcement until a speeding driver crashes thru a crowd of people alighting from a street car? Why not enforce the law sanely, but fearlessly, all the time?

You can beat this clothing game if you have the nerve. Overall's are still within reach of the average man's purse.

A New Food, but—

Many years ago the Indians made use of a flour made from dried roots of cat-tails that grows in nearly every swamp in the United States. Now food experts have discovered that palatable and nutritious bread and pudding can be made from this flour, so it may prove another means of reducing the cost of living—that is, if special interests do not get out an injunction to restrain us from eating anything but wheat flour.

At last everybody is obeying the injunction to take no thought for the morrow.

WE'LL SAY SO

If the gas-pipe men don't getcha, the gas company must. Not to mention the telephone company.

But there's a little cheery guy who runs an express wagon. He hauls your household goods from there to here, and he has an entirely new and unique stunt to get the gravy.

"It'll cost you \$12," says the cheery little guy. "Just gimme the bill-of-lading."

And you give it to him, trustingly. And he fetches your goods. But, alas, as the last box is lifted from the truck into your back yard (no he doesn't carry it into the house, of course, not for so little money)—as the last box is lifted into your back yard he discovers there is one box missing.

"Yet, it's on the bill-of-lading, all right, all right," he chirps. "But you can't rely on these railroad companies these days, that's all."

Now, if he were running the railroads — But, anyway, he will be glad to go right back to the station and find the missing box. It isn't up to him to do it, and it will be more or less trouble, to be sure, but he'll do it—for a couple of dollars.

Does it make you mad? It does. But do you pay him the couple? Yep.

And then, you suspect, he goes a couple of blocks down the streets and around the corner, gets the box from the garage where he had left it, buys a cigar, eats lunch, returns with the box, drops it into your back yard and departs—a cheery little guy.

If you have any complaint of telephone service to make, either make it in person or write. Whatever you do, don't try to telephone your troubles.

"I have found a good way to make pancakes go further," writes Mrs. S. J. S. "I cook 'em on one side and then turn 'em."

A Humane Doctor For the benefit of his patients, Dr. A. Hardaway announces that he will be absent from his office during the next week or 10 days.—Minot (N. D.) News.

A German scientist has invented a gas that will kill a bedbug in two minutes. This looks as though the German was doing something to square herself with the world.

"Shall 3 per cent of the United States rule 97 per cent?" Elihu Root is quoted as saying. No doubt the printer omitted the words "continue to."

A woman walked down Broadway in New York, wearing trousers, and not a soul paid the slightest attention to her. So many women in this country wear the trousers that there's no novelty about it.

If We Can Get a Picture of Him, We'll Print It The thieves took everything else he had in the room. Mr. Ferris borrowed a pair of pants from the housemaid while he went out to a store and secured a pair of shoes, socks, etc.—Hampton (Ia.) Chronicle.

What has become of the old-fashioned clerk who was honest enough to come right out and ask, "What can I do for you?"

The year 1919 will go down in history as one in which, in spite of high rent, everybody saw the fallacy of the old saying, "It's cheaper to move than to pay rent."

And maybe another reason a man didn't give his seat to a woman in a street car that he is afraid that if he tries to do so some other fellow will grab it.

Prepare for the worst. There's going to be a lot of unnatural gas used in the natural gas row.

The wet weather in the summer of 1915, so everybody said, was due to the war. The wet weather this fall, so we suppose, is due to the Peace Treaty.

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