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## LET THE PRESIDENT STAND BY US.

Standing by the President is fine, but we wish the President would stand by us.

This ought to be the most prosperous era the United States has ever known. All the conditions are ripe for it. The war has created an immense demand for American products and has opened markets hitherto closed to us. Crops are good. There is an abundance of idle money (always a sign of bad times). The labor market has been depleted to a degree by Europeans returning home to fight.

Yet there is no general prosperity. Industry is crippled, labor is living from hand to mouth, energy and enterprise are held back by lack of capital. This is a problem worthy of the best that of the President. If his policies have been wrong and have in any way contributed to this abnormal condition, the matter is too serious for mere pride or personal ambition or stiffneckedness to hold him back. Ninety millions of people are being made unhappy, or less happy, on account of there being something wrong with conditions in the United States.

We honestly believe that "something wrong" is caused by national legislation. We believe the tariff changes have had something to do with it. We believe ill-advised laws hampering business have had something to do with it. We cannot see what else has changed since the days of prosperity, and, by the simple process of elimination, it seems that these must be the causes for the present depression.

If they are (or if they are not) we know of no weightier problem to which the President could devote his intellect than to the restoration of good times.

As Cleveland said, "It is a condition, not a theory, which confronts us."

We have hard times.  
We have a depleted treasury.  
We have added taxes and less ability to pay them.  
We have higher cost of living and less on which to live.  
We have business stagnation, when natural conditions are right for business activity.

Without partisan bitterness and without any other desire than to stand by the President, is it not proper to respectfully urge that these matters are of importance and worthy of the President's best thought?

Acknowledging the claims of American citizens whose lives are in jeopardy on the seas or in Mexico, is it not important to look after the welfare of the millions in this country, who are struggling to maintain existence in the face of hardships which are wholly unnecessary and which can and should be remedied?

Is there anything more important for the President of the United States to consider at this time? Is there anything which calls for more disinterested and more patriotic service? Is there anything for which one might better afford to drop partisanship?

The condition cannot be met by theory. High sounding phrases about "psychology" and the "new freedom" will not fill empty stomachs nor bring work to idle hands.

It is high time for the President to offer a real remedy. His is the power and the glory, and his must be the responsibility. Let him lead the people out of this slough of despond and discouragement. Let him light the fires under cold furnaces. Let him start the life blood of confidence flowing through the arteries of trade. Then he will have done something worthy of his high office and worthy of the love and affection of the people.

Let the President stand by us.—Petersmouth (D.) Morning Star.

## UNEMPLOYMENT.

Frederick Howe, President Wilson's single tax, free trade immigration official at the port of New York, discussed the subject "Connecting the man with the job" at the recent "employment conference" at San Francisco, and declared that the government could best bring this about. The only thing the government, as dominated by Democracy, has succeeded in doing is to disconnect the man from the job. Three million wage earners have been subject to free trade surgery since President Wilson was inaugurated, and as many more are saved from the same fate only by the wealth of war orders that has poured in upon us. The idea of the free traders seem to be that the thing to do is to destroy all private employment in the United States and convert the government into a huge eleemosynary institution to take care of the dependents. But when industry has been destroyed in the United States by reason of our inability to compete with the cheap labor output of foreign lands, who will be left with property that can be taxed to keep up the industrial pension roll proposed by the free traders?

What the American wage earner wants is not charity from the government, but a government wise enough to stand for the fostering of American industrial enterprise, American manufacturing and agricultural interests; taking as its motto, "America first." There is no social injustice greater than that of paralyzing employment; but that is the injustice visited upon millions of American homes by the present administration under the leadership of impractical theorists, text book economists, and wordy visionaries of the kind now in control of the government at Washington.

## WATCH OUT FOR FAKERS.

North Dakota will this fall be one of the most attractive fields on the continent for the legitimate business man. The people will be well supplied with money, and they will be large purchasers of everything that goes to make life worth living. Because of this condition the state will also be an attractive place for the professional faker. There is no line of legitimate human endeavor which has not been perverted to the use of the scoundrel. Gold mining is a perfectly legitimate business, and often a very profitable one; but the people have been victimized by so many bogus mining schemes that it would be very difficult today to sell stock in a perfectly sound and legitimate mining enterprise.

But, while the gold mining swindle is no longer popular, new swindles are being invented every year, and some of the old ones are occasionally revived. A few "Don't" may be useful:

Don't sign papers for or pay any money to strangers under any pretext.

Don't invest in enterprises that promise enormous profits. People are not giving big profits away.

Don't neglect, when in doubt, to ask the advice of your local merchant or banker. These men are experienced. They will be with you a long time. And it is to their interest to protect you, for they want to retain your confidence and respect.

Philip M. Clark, a Progressive leader in Massachusetts who, only two years ago, was able to poll 25,000 votes when a candidate for district attorney in his county, has come back to Republican ranks. In a letter to the Republican State Committee he warns

his former Progressive party associates against confusing their ideals with "the continued existence of a political party which the people have decided to discard. Those who led the Progressive party in the early days no longer lead; those who control its organization and expedited its course fail absolutely to inspire confidence its voters have vanished." Mr. Clark declares his continued faith in Progressive principles, but believes they can be enacted into law through the Republican party. "The Democratic party," he says, "is at heart reactionary; the best proof is its record in the Southern States where its control has been absolute for years. The Republican party, on the other hand, has a splendid record of progressive legislation, accomplished not only in Massachusetts but throughout the country. Recruited as it is by the return of thousands of Progressives who have every opportunity under our direct primary law to make themselves felt in its conventions and in the selection of its candidates, it should be the party of constructive accomplishment in the future."

The Democratic papers of the state seem to be very much interested in who the Republican party are going to nominate for the various state offices. They are suggesting this one, and that one, and squirming around as though they would like to name the ticket for the Republican party, and sure enough they would see to it that men were put up whom the Democrats could defeat at the fall election. Never mind. We believe that the Republicans are capable of naming a ticket, and when they do it will be men who can be elected. This is what is worrying our Democratic brethren.

The Fargo Forum has served notice on the weekly newspapers of the state that after October 1, they will refuse to exchange with weekly newspapers of the state on an even basis, or without a subscription price of \$2 to each paper. This may be a wise business policy of the Forum, but if every weekly newspaper would simply refuse the proposition and take the Forum off their list, we predict that it would cost the Forum more to get the same news they are now getting from the weeklies than the \$2 a year would amount to.

In the lynching of Leo M. Frank, the state of Georgia has not only cast another blot upon her fair name, but the action of that mob calls for a rigid investigation of the nation, provided that the state does not ferret out and punish the offenders. Thousands of people will always believe Leo Frank was murdered an innocent man, but be that as it may, no man or set of men had any right to commit such a rash act, and they should be brought to justice at all hazard and at any expense.

## KOVNO GIVES WAY TO GERMANS; PETROGRAD TO BE NEXT PLACE

London, Aug. 15.—Kovno, one of the crucial points in the Russian defenses in the north, was captured by the Germans last night, and the road to the Vilna, Warsaw and Petrograd railway is now open to the troops of Emperor William.

The capture of the fortress was another triumph of the German 16-inch guns, which throughout the present war have been brought against no fortifications they were unable to subdue. With the fortress of Kovno, the Germans have taken over 300 guns and, according to their accounts, an enormous quantity of war material.

This, however, is not the most serious part of the matter to the Russians. Besides opening the way to Vilna, which is an open town, from which most of the inhabitants have departed, and from which everything which might be of use to the invaders has been removed, the fall of the fortress takes away the last protection, with the exception of the Russian field army, to the main lines of railway to the capital, and also places the Germans in a position to threaten the flank of the Russian armies retiring to the Brest-Litovsk lines, and those operating in southern Courland.

Expected Fall.  
Grand Duke Nicholas apparently expected the fall of Kovno, for his armies are hastening their retirement eastward in Poland. They still hold their own from Kovno to the south of Ossowetz, but south of that place they are still being pressed from the northwest and from the west.

It is the same in the south, where the Masovites have been driven into the outer positions of the fortress of Brest-Litovsk. For the first time since he began his retirement from western Galicia, in May, Grand Duke Nicholas, in the opinion of military observers finds part of his army in serious danger of envelopment.

Must Use Speed.  
With Kovno in German hands and another German army across the Bug south of Brest-Litovsk, a speedy exit, according to military observers, is the only safe one for the Russians if they are to escape before the second set of pinchers, prepared for them, is closed.

As an offset to the German successes in the east, the French official communication reports further gains for the French troops in the Vosges, while Gen. Sir Ina Hamilton, commander of the allied forces on the Gallipoli peninsula announces an advance by the new force of allied troops which landed at Suvla Bay, and the repulse of a Turkish attack against the right, a flank of the Australians. The Turks on the other hand, say that all the British attacks were repulsed.

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Miss Louise Nelson, a nurse from Mercy Hospital left today for Hope this state where she will take care of a patient for Dr. Abbott of that place.

## FARMER TOOK OWN LIFE

After paying off his housekeeper, who was leaving his place, William Rutt, a well to do bachelor farmer of Rock Lake, Towne county, went to his bedroom yesterday and shot himself. Rutt came from Wooster, Ohio, from where relatives are now coming to accompany the remains home for burial.

## LIGHTNING KILLS TRANSIENT

During the thunder storm Saturday Martin Peterson, who was working on a farm at Penn, was struck by lightning and killed. Coroner Gilbertson was called to the scene, but decided that an inquest was unnecessary. Peterson's home was at Stevens Point, Wis.

## AUTO ACCIDENT AT MILTON

Minot, N. D., Aug. 17.—Marvin Green, Rolf Prom, and the Misses Margaret Farrell and Ruby Stewart figured in an automobile accident which appeared rather serious for a time. Miss Farrell was at the wheel driving the car, when they came suddenly upon a sharp declining road leading into one of the big coulees near the Ole Fosseide farm. There was a sharp turn at the bottom at the approach of the bridge and the brakes were not applied early enough and the car dashed into the approach railing of the bridge. Marvin Green was dashed into the wind shield owing to the sudden stop and was badly cut about the head by flying pieces of glass. The young ladies were also pretty well bruised up, but Rolf Prom escaped with hardly any injuries. The cuts on Marvin's head were bleeding profusely and Rolf hurried on foot to the Fosseide home for another car to convey the party to town and to the care of a physician. Upon the arrival of the party in town the injured young man was immediately taken to the home of Dr. Gustason, where the gashes in his head were stitched and his wounds attended to.

Mrs. Carl S. Segen of Tolna, died in a local hospital, the first of the week and the funeral services were held yesterday. She was 29 years old and the wife of a prominent farmer near Tolna.

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