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The Strike vs. The Ballot Box.

Troops are called out in nearly every strike to shoot down workmen in order to keep mines, factories and railroads running. Did you ever hear of troops being called out to shoot down owners of these industries when they close up shop and leave the workers out in the cold without work and without a chance to make a living?

Why is it that troops are always used against the working people in a strike and never against the owners? When the owners go on a strike by closing down in order to curtail the output and force up prices, they have a perfect right to do so, according to the idea of most people. Why? Why have they a right to strike any more than the working man?

The kept press always deals up a lot of old hash to prejudice the public against striking workmen. Did you ever see one of the old gang dailies take up the cudgels for the workmen when they are put out of work, when the owners go on a strike?

We hear a great deal about "property rights," scolded. What about the right to a job? Did you ever stop to think that one ought to be protected in one's job? Some day "job rights" will be considered equally with "property rights."

We believe that both property rights and job rights should be protected. We believe that property rights should be protected to such an extent that a workman couldn't quit a job before it is ready to be filled by someone else. We believe a workman's job should be protected to such an extent that he couldn't be fired except for good cause till he has another job.

We don't believe in strikes, and yet it is the only means a workman has of protecting his interests at the present time. If workmen would use their brains a bit on election day, there would be no need for strikes. There are enough working people in the United States so that if they would stick together and vote alike on election day, the strike, as a weapon in industrial warfare, would be a thing of the past. We have very little sympathy for the laboring man who strikes against his boss and yet votes for that same boss on election day.

This is not a criticism of the men out on strike in the United States at the present time. Under their present system of organization, the strike is their only weapon and we hope they stick and win. Still we do not regard the strike as the best method by a long shot. The ballot box would be more effective. And with reasonable demands in their political platforms, labor will have the support of the farmers all along the line, and they are getting that now. And those two groups are now getting the support of the merchants who know that their best friends are the laborers and the farmers. The success and prosperity of the merchant depends directly on the success of the majority of his customers and they are the laborers and farmers. With the laborers and farmers and merchants joining hands politically, strikes, with their discomfort, will be unnecessary. If the representatives of the laborers, farmers and merchants could sit in equal power around the law making and law enforcing table, so to speak, it would mean justice and a square deal to all concerned.

We need a new organization in politics—an organization which will be based on equal power to these three elements. We need all three. We need the wisdom and the counsel of all three. We have now a Nonpartisan League of farmers. We also have a Working People's Nonpartisan Political League. What we should have is an organization which would take in the farmers, the laborers and the merchants all in one organization, but so fixed that each of the three groups should have equal power in the organization, e. g. that the governing board of the organization should consist of one third farmers, one third laborers and one third business men.

No group would benefit from such an arrangement more than the business men. The farmers and laborers would benefit greatly also. It would encourage the friendliest feeling between these three necessary groups which would spell prosperity for all as a result of such co-operation.

That would tend to solve the problem of property rights and job rights. With neither group having a majority in the governing board, questions would be settled on their merits and not as a result of group strength. These three forces pulling together could carry elections in any state in the Union, even if many people would be skeptical and stand aloof, because we

believe that a large majority of all three groups will see the value of it.

The Townley plan of dues should be used and no one should have a voice in the election of governing boards or officers unless his or her dues were paid up. This would make the members "stick." It is the secret of Townley's success.

Here is hoping that some big brainy man will stand forth and initiate just such an organization. We know of no man better fitted for such a job than Hon. Chas. A. Lindbergh, former congressman, whose record is known by everybody who has been wide-awake in Minnesota, as one that has not a bad spot in it. Lindbergh has always spoken the truth as he saw it. Even during the war, he was not afraid to tell his countrymen the truth. He said things then that no one else dared to say till later. He is a true-blue American who dearly loves his country. He loves his country so much that he wants it to be right. He wants it to deal fairly with all its people.

And there isn't an honest man in the country but wants that very thing. The only people who could oppose this are those who want an unfair advantage for themselves.

Wisdom From Experience.

We read in the newspapers how the striking railroad shopmen have, in several places, gone to the sheriffs and asked to have a number of striking shopmen appointed deputy sheriffs and assigned to duty to preserve order in the strike areas. Such offers have been accepted in a number of instances and striking union men carry the star and authority of deputy sheriffs and are keeping perfect order in their zones of activity.

This is a result of wisdom acquired through experience. Nothing so stirs the American public's prejudice against men and organizations as violence. The employers are well aware of this fact and do all they can to stir up trouble. In most cases where trouble starts, it will be found upon investigation that it was started by men hired by the companies to do that very thing. The next step is to blame the strikers. Labor has now taken steps to protect itself by having men from its own ranks appointed to keep order. It is a wise move and will have a very favorable effect upon public opinion.

Pseudo-Progressive.

When reactionary papers write pseudo-progressive editorials, we smile a happy smile. It is further proof that progressiveness is strong, popular and powerful. A reactionary paper wouldn't even pretend to say anything good about a progressive if it wasn't to save its face with its readers.

That's why we smile when reactionary papers speak well of Brookhart, the next junior senator from Iowa, who is a progressive of the La Follette, Lynn Frazier, Dr. Ladd type.

The Home Coming.

The biggest thing immediately ahead for the good people of New Ulm is the big Anniversary and Home Coming celebration which is to be held here August 17 to 20.

That is an event for which every New Ulmite can boost with all his might. It is not a business undertaking but one of the few things in life which makes living more vital. Commemoration of the trying days of the Indian outbreak coupled with the welcoming hand stretched out to former residents of New Ulm to come "back home" for a few days' visit should make brothers of us all in this undertaking.

Every organization of every description within the borders of New Ulm and every individual, whether a member of an organization or not, will no doubt feel the responsibility of making this a memorable affair. The Commercial Club, the Base Ball Association, the County Fair Association, in fact all public and semi-public organizations who have the welfare of New Ulm in view, and they all have, will do something special to further the success of this celebration.

Churches and fraternal organizations are just as vitally interested, the county officials and the city officials will bend every energy to favorably advertise New Ulm in this matter.

It is so easy to let one's personal business interest get the upper hand many times and that is not to be wondered at where men and women spend every working day in the intense grind of getting a living and laying up a little store for old age. There is a temptation at times to take advantage of public "doings" for private gain. Sometimes even that is justifiable to a certain extent. But in an All-New Ulm matter like the Home Coming celebration, we know that the people of New Ulm will think of the good of the whole first of all. That spirit is being shown and it is the spirit which guarantees success.

Excitement.

The craving for excitement in our day and age seems to have reached to such extremes that it ought to be time to call a halt. For the delectation of the excitement-craving public, a well known aviator was showing his tricks recently by taking his life into his hands and passing from one air plane to another. In some way, the

two planes did not separate fast enough and the rope the man caught swung back, the propeller of the plane that he was leaving literally cutting him in two.

We read stories of girls, craving excitement, going out riding with unknown men and how they jump out of moving cars when the point is reached that they "don't like it."

And worse than that, young folks imagine that there is such a thing as "love at first sight" and talk about "knowing him a long time" when they mean two or three days.

But none is a bigger fool than he who attempts to give advice, for advice against such "excitement" always did go unheeded and always will.

There is only one cure and that is experience; and too often, experience kills.

NOTED AND QUOTED.

With Prof. Ladd in the Senate and former Gov. Frazier standing a very good chance of getting there, the time for writing the obituary of the North Dakota Nonpartisan league seems to have been postponed. — *Hanska Herald.*

You remember when the boys left in '17 and '18 and everybody said, "nothing will be too good when you come back." Nothing is what they're getting. — *Lafayette Ledger.*

At the July meeting of the county board in Sibley county, the board voted four to one to discontinue the services of the county agent, according to the *Gibbon Gazette.*

Senator Frank B. Kellogg favors us with a copy of his speech in favor of putting shingles and rough lumber on the free list. He talks a lot about shingles, but one who looks close will find that the important thing is to get rough lumber in free. Why? To give the farmers and others cheaper building materials? That's what they try to make you think. But, lumber is not used in the rough state, it's much of it. But it is planned and finished by American planing and finishing mills. The purpose of Kellogg's effort is to give the American lumber barons, who are running short of the raw material, a chance to buy cheap. But the duty is to remain on finished lumber, the kind that people have to buy to build. Get the point?

THE BEST SERMON WE'VE READ LATELY.

Mind healing is, of late, being so commonly exploited in secular literature, that New Thought editors find their heretofore exclusive domain invaded by many bright literary lights. The latest is George Ade, who has a long article entitled: "I'm Cured", in the April number of *Hearst's*. Although semi-humorous, it is a strong defense of mental healing. The following extract shows optimism and buoyancy to be the doctor's most efficient remedy.

"The most successful mental healer I ever knew, was an old time allopath who practiced back in Indiana in the seventies and eighties. He had to go miles across swampy prairies and through stretches of timber to visit his patients. He carried only a small assortment of potent standbys of *materia medica*, calomel, quinine, morphia, nux vomica, digitales, etc. It is not reasonable to suppose that he knew much more about diagnoses than did his rival practitioners. And yet, everybody wanted him. He was on the go, eight and ten days. Every neighbor who had to crawl under the quilts in the day time, would drink a lot of sassafras tea as first aid, pre-caution and then say, in a weak voice, "Send for Doc Whitley." He didn't want young "Doc" Pendergast with the silky side whiskers or "Doc" Livingstone, over at the county seat, who had studied in the East. He wanted good old "Doc" Whitley, who lived beyond the North Timber, twelve miles away. So some one had to saddle up and do a lonesome Paul Revere ride, and after a lapse of hours "Doc" Whitley would drive up in his buckboard and hitch out in front and inquire in a thunderous voice: "Where is this damned fool that thinks he's sick?"

And the patient, hearing that profane inquiry, would grin and exclaim, in great relief, "There's old Doc now." "Feeling better already. Even before "Doc" got his team hitched, he had convinced the patient that there was nothing much the matter. The interview with the sick man was usually violent and one sided. No tiptoe stuff, no whispering, no hocus pocus of looking wise after feeling the pulse. No indeed. Nothing much except mental healing administered by force.

"Who told you that you were sick? What the hell do you mean by makin' me drive all the way over here to see a man that ought to be out plowin' corn. Nothin' the matter with you. Just to make you happy I'll leave some powders and tell your woman what to fix up for you. But if you ever send for me again when nothin' ails you, I'll get hold o' your leg and pull you out o' bed and give you something to be sick about!"

"Roars of laughter from the assembled members of the family. Patient sheepish but likewise amused, and unmistakably relieved by the opinion from

the great expert. Mother very happy, fluttering about to get a cup of coffee for "Doc."

"He would drive away, leaving behind a sick man who believed that he was going to get well very soon. The members of the family, no longer pale faced and frightened and discussing symptoms with the patient, had been organized to surround the sick man with an atmosphere of buoyant optimism. Incidentally, the patient had been put on medicines and diet, both of which he may have needed, even if the doctor wouldn't admit it.

"But the greatness and helpfulness of "Doc" Whitley in that fever and ague region over which he ruled, were that he fought enervating ailments by setting against them the hopeful beliefs of his patients. He made his patients strong to resist the standard complaints, by taking away from them the fears and worries and apprehensions which are the most tormenting incidentals to any kind of illness. He played on the mind.

"Probably if any one had intimated to old "Doc" Whitley that he was a mental healer, he would have cursed him pink. Possibly he never comprehended the superb inspiration which controlled his methods. He was too all fired busy to bother with psycho-analysis. Besides, he hadn't heard of it.

"The mainspring of the new teaching is not mere demonstration that abnormal emotions are destructive of bodily health and intellectual efficiency. The big point is that these abnormal emotions are unnecessary and may be banished at will. This is a hard lesson for the average mortal to learn.

If he has an important law suit pending, he likes to claim the privilege of worrying.

"If the stock market is setting against him he expects to lose sleep and be haunted by fears and apprehensions.

"If the usual routine of his daily work is disturbed, he feels justified in giving way to violent exhibitions of anger.

"He claims the American privilege of wishing that he had as much money as Rockefeller, and kicking because it never was delivered to him in a truck.

"If a dear friend or a close relative dies, he seems to feel that the decencies of the situation require him to weep and wail during the funeral services and then put on black clothes, and hide himself away from diversions.

"He permits himself to fume and scold because certain people in his set wear the wrong kind of clothes, or play bridge badly, or give stupid parties, or send their chickens over to play in his garden.

"We have humored our evil passions and made pets of them. When we are asked to throw them into the alley, we survey, almost with sympathy, the collection and say: "Why, we can't keep house without them."

Not even after we have learned that they are putting poison into our food, and taking oxygen out of our air, and tapping on the head board at night to keep us awake.

"The new teaching does not imply that we shall stop striving and fighting, and that we are expected to sit around all day, grinning like Cheshire cats. We are simply expected to handle the facts of our existence, instead of letting them handle us.

"We are not going to become emotionless, but we are going to lock up our emotions, when they become unruly and threaten to tear us to pieces.

"These resolutions are being frayed by myriads of men and women who have not joined the research clubs or lined up with any important society. They are ready to experiment with any panacea which promises so much. And the whole "movement" in which they are engaged, although it cannot be measured by a yardstick or set down in census figures, is possibly the most significant tendency of the quarter century between 1900 and 1925.

"Supposing we have guessed right (Continued on page 6.)



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