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WE ARE ON THE EVE OF GREAT RECONSTRUCTION BOOM

Do you remember the fall of 1914? A great many business men behaved then as if they thought the world was coming to an end. Well we lived to see the very period the beginning of the greatest era of prosperity the country had known up to that time!

We now go on record stating our frank belief that the United States is once more approaching a great reconstruction boom. It is admitted that inflation is invariably bound to cause hardship, but business activity all over the world is scraping the bottom of the present depression.

Everything moves in cycles. The waves of gold that are rolling in on us from abroad will certainly encourage deflation. That means rising commodity prices and, of course, rising stock prices. Our Federal Reserve ratio is now very high; in other words, money credit and gold are rising and outstanding loans are decreasing.

Where is all this money going to? We feel sure it is going to build homes and office buildings and other needed housings. We feel sure this activity is going to bring prosperity to the railroad, or at least that the railroads will be placed in such a position, due to the 12 per cent wage cut and 20 per cent freight increase, as to enable them to buy much needed equipment of iron and steel in large quantities. We know that our public utility companies are in great need of brass, copper and zinc. We know that Germany could use a great deal of copper and cotton. The de-control of food products in Europe and in this country will result in a higher per capita consumption and higher prices to farmers.

Meantime, the world is in our debt, and if it means anything to an individual to have interest payments coming in to him on principal loaned out, then it must mean much to a nation in this position.

Six months from now we will be looking back at the foolish fears of the public at this time, wondering how we could ever imagine that such companies as U. S. STEEL, BALDWIN LOCOMOTIVE, STUDEBAKER, INTERNATIONAL PAPER, ALLIS CHALMERS, CENTRAL LEATHER, and BETHLEHEM STEEL were headed any other way than prosperity, with a capital P.

There may be "something rotten in Denmark" but you can't make a Virgin Islander believe in. His citizenship was changed overnight by sales treaty. Then comes the Volstead act and makes him dry where climate says he should be moist, and on top of that comes the income tax demanded from him what he hath not!—Sugarman's Indicator.

What He Would Do

"What would you do if you had a million dollars?" "We'd overhaul Restless Rebecca," get four spare tires, stock up with delicatessen, point the radiator into the sun, throw her into high speed and chase summer weather all around the world. Then we'd turn the balance of the money over to some charitable institution that has more use for money than we would have.—Buffalo News.

WORLD WAR VETS

THE SWEET BILL became a law on August 8th, when President Harding affixed his signature, ending a heroic struggle of two and a half years for the decentralization of the War Risk Bureau.

The WASON BILL, which provided for this means of speedy relief for our disabled veterans, was passed by Congress after a two-year struggle, was vetoed by President Wilson.

THE SWEET BILL just passed by present Congress, embodies the provisions of the Wason Bill together with other desirable features. Under this new law the War Risk Bureau is decentralized into fourteen regional offices, with 160 sub-offices. The decentralized War Risk Bureau, the U. S. Public Health Service and Federal Training Board, insofar as they have to do with ex-service men and women are all consolidated under the head of a newly-created Veterans' Bureau.

President Harding has nominated Col. Chas. H. Forbes, present director of the War Risk Bureau and U. S. Public Health Service, for director of the Veterans Bureau.

The reorganization will take effect immediately.

Under this plan, the agencies for veteran relief will be removed from the jurisdiction of the Treasury Department and the director will be directly responsible to the president, thereby removing these relief agencies entirely from political patronage.

Another feature provides that in cases of mental derangement and tuberculosis, that the burden of proof shall rest upon the government for two years from date of discharge of the applicant.

In other words, if an ex-service man or woman develops either malady within two years after date of discharge, it is conceded that such condition is due to military service and compensation will be immediately awarded. Thousands of pitiable cases will thus be automatically provided for.

In the meantime, before such decentralization takes place, Director Forbes sending forth clean-up squads to reach as many disabled veterans as possible under existing conditions.

As previously announced in these columns, the clean-up squad will visit Holbrook Sept. 23rd where they will examine and prepare cases. Hospitalization and Vocational Training will be awarded on the spot but Compensation cases must be forwarded to the district office in San Francisco for inspection and actual awards will be made in Washington until the Sweet law becomes operative.

SCHOOLS

Formal opening of the Holbrook city schools will take place Monday Sept. 5th. High school will open at 8:15 a. m., while the grades will open at 9:00. All high school students should avail themselves of the opportunity to register Saturday. Hours for registration will be between nine and twelve a. m. in the basement of the high school building.

Annual-teachers reception, to which all are invited, will be held Friday evening Sept. 9th.

Read the Jennings Auto Co's ad. It is important in these days of high prices.

The Port of Missing Men



FUEL OIL FIELD LARGE

Many oil men are of opinion that fuel oil will be one of the biggest factors in future growth of the petroleum industry. The real use of fuel oil has not yet begun, they believe.

The seemingly unlimited possibilities in growth of fuel oil consumption is shown by increase in its use in shipping, despite a slump in foreign trade. Consumption of fuel oil for bunkering purpose in vessels engaged in foreign trade in 12 months ended June 30, 1921, totaled 28,903,722 barrels, compared with 19,857,307 in previous 12 months, and 8,648,622 in year ended June 30, 1919.

Compared with the increase in consumption present stocks on hand are more than 27,700,000 barrels, or double the amount on hand two years ago.

When given a free hand private industry always has met and overcome critical situations. Never was this better illustrated than in the case of oil industry which fortunately escaped unlimited political control during the war.

Since then it has been able to expand in its own way to meet the needs of the nation. Instead of an oil shortage we have on hand today the greatest supply of gasoline and fuel oil in our history.

The situation should be an object lesson so advocates of government ownership and interference with various lines of industry.

Stands By Him

She was a sweet young bride, who had already found that what looks like a nice piece of meat in the shop often seems to have gone through a private transformation scene when it arrives home.

"How is it?" she inquired eagerly, when an old married friend called upon her, "that you always manage to have such delicious beef?" "It's very simple," replied the older woman. "I first select a good honest butcher and then I stand by him."

"Oh, I see, you give him all your trade, you mean?" said the innocent young bride.

"No!" answered her companion, grimly, "I stand by him while he is cutting the meat!"—Washington Post.

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BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Mary N. Ramsey must have had a wonderful feeling of pride when she saw the appreciation of her children and grand children on the occasion of the birthday party given by them in her honor, at the home of her son, John C. Ramsey, Snowflake Sunday Aug. 28th.

A huge birthday cake with eighty candles, significant of eighty years well lived, was given by the children and grand children to Mrs. Ramsey. A wonderful chicken dinner with loads of other good things was a spread for the forty-four present.

Here are some remarkable things in connection with the party; Mrs. Ramsey is the grandmother of 43 living children. She is the great grandmother of ten. There were four generations present. Mrs. Ramsey is in perfect health. Pictures were taken of the grandchildren, great grand children and the four generations.

Those going from Holbrook were, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jennings and children; Mr. and Mrs. Will Stapley and child; Mr. and Mrs. Arlo Baldwin; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Willard.

A day of rare enjoyment was had and one that will be remembered by all.

Beneficiaries

"How did Mr. Grabcoinc make his money?"

"In various ways."

"Any of them questionable?"

"I wouldn't go so far as to say that, but if it hadn't been for Mr. Grabcoinc several prominent lawyers in our town wouldn't be riding around in limousines."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

PEOPLE OF OUR TOWN



We all looked like this once, but Blamed Few of us Will Admit it. A Baby is Just Grand until he gets This Way, whereat Friend Father wonders aloud How Far It Is to the Orphan Asylum. And then he Will go Down Town and Pester his Friends to Death, Bragging about what a Bright Child he's the Father of Which.

COPPER IN THE HOME

Discussing the condition of the copper industry William A. Paine, Pres. of the Copper Range Co. says:

"Copper has always been a necessity in industry and will continue to be. Copper must and will come back, stronger than ever."

Speaking of copper in the raw state and copper in the finished product, Mr. Paine stated that there is too wide a margin between what the producer receives for the metal and what the fabricator gets for his output. If this could be overcome it would encourage a wider use of copper and prove better both for the producer and the fabricator.

Large copper producers have been considering the manufacture of their copper into finished products for direct distribution to the trade in order to encourage the use of copper.

Every family in the country should have at least one copper wash boiler, a copper tea-kettle and one or two copper stew pans, not to mention numerous other articles which can be made of copper and add to the utility and attractiveness of the home.

LOOKING AHEAD

Along about this time every year we begin to hear reports to the effect that "it's going to be a hard winter." Already we have heard a few Holbrook people making this prediction. Ordinarily we would pay but little attention, have heard the same thing so often.

But this year there appears more that the usual reasons for believing that it is really going to be hard winter. There are more people out of employment this year than for many seasons past, and we fail to find anything in press dispatches to show that the situation is going to improve much before cold weather comes. It matters not where these idle people are located, the fact that they are not earning and not producing is bound to have an effect on the whole country. If the north isn't prosperous the south cannot hope to be; if the west is not flourishing the east is certain to feel it.

Insofar as this particular section is concerned we have no special cause for complaint. But we believe we should, in duty to ourselves prepare for a winter that may find more cases of actual suffering in this country than we have ever known. It is but the part of wisdom to lay away a reasonable amount of food, a sufficient amount of fuel and to see to it that all necessary repairs about the house are made before the present brand of weather disappears. There's still a lot of truth in the old adage that a stitch in time saves nine, and there is still a lot of wisdom in doing today a lot of the things you feel inclined to put off doing until tomorrow.

BASE BALL

Last Sunday's game was hardly a fitting wind-up of the base ball season in Holbrook. Neither team was complete as far as players were concerned, and as the game progressed it became a farce, as far as a proper exhibition of the popular game goes.

The Holbrook team is one of the best in Arizona, and to a true lover of the game it hurts to see the boys disbanded.

A large share of the credit for making the team falls to "Dad" Coleman. He built up a fine time team and turned it to J. M. Lee, who, by the way has proven a mighty good base ball manager, and, also, improved the team.

Sunday's game was between the first team and the Holbrook Browns, and resulted in a victory for the first team. Score 14 to 3.

Mrs. Virginia Rubi is visiting with her mother, brothers and sisters.

PAINTED SHIPS ON

PAINTED OCEAN

In Portland harbor are five steel ships, owned by America and controlled by the United States shipping board.

In San Francisco harbor there are 50, and in Baltimore harbor 500, etc., etc.—Portland, Ore., Journal.

Yes, and they will be there so long as the Gompers-Fureseth dictatorship writes the laws and dictates the terms on which the ships, if they ever move, may be operated. But we are a rich nation. To make it pleasant for our political masters we can do without ship masters and most of our 5000 vessels, (built with the taxpayers' money,) are as idle as a fleet of painted ships on a painted ocean. It costs \$700,000,000 a year to keep the ships idle.

The shipping board cannot operate them and cannot get anyone to buy them. It asks another \$125,000,000 merely for incidental expense. Why not make a present of them to the Gompers-Fureseth combination that dictates the terms of handling crews and ships, under which Japan is taking the cargoes away from American-owned shipping?

They could then operate the American merchant marine under their own labor laws and make all the profit and save American taxpayers \$700,000,000 a year it now costs to keep them idle.

SOUND BANKING POLICIES

The United States has too many bank promoters seeking an easy road to riches, says Comptroller of the Currency Crissinger.

"I am convinced that many applications are made with intent of creating a place where the promoters can find easy access to credit I reject all applications that have this appearance.

"The needs of the community should be tested. I am convinced that in many instances, unpopular and unreasonable bankers are responsible for many applications to start banks.

"There is nowadays too much exploration of industrial and commercial graveyards. Too little attention is paid to constructive thought of the future. Instead of looking for holes in which to fall, we need to concentrate thought and energy to ascending the hill just ahead.

"Stock in the future of our country will yield generous dividends. Those who have played the bull side of the market in America have always been winners in his country. The banking fabric of the country is absolutely secure and sound. It is only necessary that all elements in it stand firmly together."

Vivid Imagination

"Have you heard Jibway's latest fishing yarn?"

"No I haven't," said Mr. Gadspur, "and I don't want to hear it."

"Because Jibway hasn't even a speaking acquaintance with the truth. He couldn't describe a smallpox epidemic without making you think it was something you'd hate to miss."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

"Doug" and his party will take some pictures south of Holbrook shortly, according to advance dope. Or is it another case of Tom Mix at Winslow.