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DEMAND FOR LABOR.

"The process of reconstruction will be greatly facilitated and the return to industrial and commercantile activity will be greatly speeded by the exercise of confidence on the part of all our people," says Secretary W. B. Wilson, in a recent interview.

"With a world-wide demand coming for our products there will be greater demand for labor than we have ever had in the past. That is the belief of almost everyone with whom I have talked on the subject, employers and men of large business.

"I do not believe there will be any material wage reductions. I believe only a short-sighted employer would seek to bring about lower wages. It is almost certain that wage-earners will resist an attempt to reduce their pay, and because of the higher wages they have enjoyed during the last few years they are now in position to engage in a struggle against wage-reduction which would be prolonged and costly.

"From the employers' side, tremendous loss would be ocasioned through strikes by the disruption of his organization, leaving him at great disadvantage in competing for business when the period of intense industrial activity sets in.

"Most employers have the vision to see these facts. On the world horizon they see demand coming for their products from every quarter. They see the great South American continent with its doors open waiting for us. They see the need of our products in the rebuilding of devastated France and Belgium. Eastern Europe and the Orient becken to us and the vast potentalities of unhappy Russia are a promise of the future.

"These signs should inspire our people to confidence. The wage-earner and the salaried employe, no less than the manufacturer and business man, should face the future and bend to the tasks of the present with resolute courage.

"This confidence, so greatly needed at this time, can be shown in a most substantial way by the workers in exercising determination to own their homes. The nation-wide movement for home-owning now under way should commend itself to every thoughtful person. Its first effect will be to provide a powerful impetus to industry, giving employment to building trades and to mill and material workers, and contributing stimulus to all lines of business.

"But it is to the individual himself who undertakes the purchase or building of a home that the greatest advantage comes. Aside from the sentimental value in owning a home, there is a sense of security in a deed to a piece of real estate that no other possession can give. The home owner has a stake in the community in which he lives.

"It may call for the exercise of frugality, industry and even some self-sacrifice, but the reward is worthy of the efforts put forth.

"Before undertaking the building or purchase of a home, the worker is interested in knowing with a great degree of certainty as possible the prospects of steady and remunerative employment. Some facts in our recent history bearing upon the labor market may prove instructive.

"In nearly all lines of industry and commerce there has been a depletion of stocks. The shelves are empty,, and they have to be filled to their normal business weight. The supply of labor is not as ample as might be thought on off-hand examination of the question.

"Before the European war came. the United States was admitting from all nations of the world approximately 1,200,000 aliens annually, who were used in the development of our industrial enterprises. Of these 400,000 returned leaving us a net gain of 800,000 aliens. That makes 3,200,000 of a shortage up to the present time, due to the fact that since the coming of the war those who have gone out have equaled those who have come in.

"The development of our shipbuilding industry has taken from other employments nearly 500,000 workers. We took 4,000,000 from peacetime pursuits and sent them into the trenches and the training camps. The best that we can hope for is that 3,000,000 of them may be demobilized atthe end of the calendar year. Thus there will be more than 4,000,000 workers less than the usual supply under normal conditions, but there is also a possibility, indeed, almost the certainty, of an increase in the demand, for the reasons I have outlined in the beginning of this article.

"Here, then is the prospect which the worker who is scanning the future with a view to determining upon owning his home may reasonably count upon:

"A shortage of 4,000,000 workers in the usual supply under normal conditions; an awakening of commerce and industry through development of world trade that challenges our best efforts, and arising demand for labor as American business extends its connections to the markets of the world.

"These conditions carry assurance of steady and remunerative employment. The supreme need now is confidence; the will to go ahead and do."

NOT A LAUGHING MATTER.

Florida solons did not stop at refusing the vote to the women of Florida, but have held the women of the state up to ridicule, in the introduction into the Florida legislature of the bill making it "lawful for females to don and wear the wearing apparel of a man as worn publicly by him." It would seem, from this, that the solons believe that it is only the toga and the ballot which should be denied to the woman hood of the state.

In commenting upon the bill introduced into the Florida legislature, the New York Telegram, which is the afternoon paper published by the New York Herald Company, says:

"We are not only in favor of permitting women to wear the kind of apparel now worn by men, as soon as the equal suffrage is established, but we are in favor of according her that privilege now, even before the act is signed. We have been in favor of it always, in the cause of personal liberty and pluchritude.

"Of course, many women have been credited with 'wearing the pants' in the past, but that was a figure of speech. We prefer habliments that bring out into bolder relief the figure of the women."

It is hardly probable that the women of Florida will enjoy this jibe of the Telegram, any more than they enjoyed the insult offered the womanhood of the state by the introduction of this discreditable bill by the Florida legislature.

It is evident that the legislators in Tallahassee have looked upon the question of suffrage as more or less of a huge joke. Just how much of a joke it is may yet be determined, when the representatives return to thei rconstituents. It may be that the joke will be turned against the legislators, and other southern legislatures, should the women of New York state and the women of the west decide for a republican instead of a democratic administration. It was admitted when Wilson was re-elected to office that it was the women vote of the west which turned the tide. No one, looking back upon the splendid record made by the democratic administration, the outcome of the world war might have been different, and victory might yet be a long way off.

The St. Augustine Record, in commenting on the action of the house of representatives, says:

"The first inclination on reading of the action of the house of representatives of Tallahassee in refusing to submit the question of woman suffrage to the voters of Florida is to get real angry and say mean things. But on second and more mature thought and having in mind the possibility of a favorable reconsideration of the issue it seems best to draw the mantle of charity about that handful of strange-thinking men who are afraid to trust the judgment of the people. It is not so much the great question of the recognition of women, important as it is, than that of casting reflcetion on the judgment of those very men who have sent these fellows to the legislature, not to set their own judgment on a mighty pinacle where it cannot be reached or influenced by rhyme or reason, but to play fair and square on all matters and not to seek to play the baby act or assume the role of a czar.

"Some fellow by the name of Wicker—thank God he is not from St. John county—made a long spiel during the debate, delving into alleged ancient history and actually setting forth the argument that the enfranchisement of women would bring about the downfall of the American republic. Let wicked Wicker wick.

"Incidentally it will be interesting to note if any county dare fess up to any relation ship of the aforesaid Wicker.

"We submit that the importance of the issue is sufficient to warrant the legislature in affording the citizens of Florida the oportunity of saying whether they do or do not want to give the women of the state the right to vote."

SHIPPERS PASS UP BUENOS AIRES ACCOUNT BOYCOTT

Buenos Aires, May 6.—Local shipping agents admit vessels belonging to their lines are avoiding Buenos Aires because of the continuance of the labor boycott under the government's control of the port and shipping. A a few are enroute to this city, but most of the latter are in ballast. Many of them are stopping at Montevedio.

The shipping agencies reecntly sent the following cable message to Lonfew vesels are entering the port and don: "We recommend that the British government prevent the sailing of allied vesels for Buenos Aires until the Argentine government stops the practice of boycotting this port."

It is stated Spanish shipping lines will soon join the maritime combination which includes the United States, British, French, Italian, Dutch, Norwegian and Swedish companies.

INDUSTRIAL HOME DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS IN CITY

The drum and bugle corps of the Georgia Industrial Home, stopped over in Pensacola yesterday, and attracted much attention, as they paraded the streets on the way to and from the waterfront, rendering some excellent music.

The industrial home, is non-sectarian, and is supported by voluntary contributions, boys and girls from many southern states, being trained there in home economics and agricultural pursuits.

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