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IN DEFIANCE OF THE LAW

Notwithstanding frequent assertions that the American people are showing a tendency to look with leniency upon lawlessness the fact remains that the American people are the most law abiding of any in the world. They recognize as the fundamental principle of American institutions that this is a government by law and not by men, and that liberty depends absolutely upon the maintenance and enforcement of law. This being true there can be no hope of ultimate success of a general railroad strike in defiance of the decision of the Railroad Labor Board in the matter of railroad wages.

It may be readily admitted that perhaps the Railroad Labor Board in its decision did not reach exact justice, for exact justice is impossible as long as human infirmities continue. But it may be safely asserted that the decision of the Board, after due consideration of all the facts and circumstances, is a far nearer approach to justice than can be attained by any other means or through any other agency. In the reduction of wages, which have been ordered, there is just as much probability that the cuts were too small as that they were too great. Undoubtedly members of the Board did what they thought was right in an effort to award the railroad workers just compensation, with due regard to the cost of living, compensation paid in other lines of industry, the character of the work, and the ability of the industry to pay.

However that may be, the fact remains that the Railroad Board is a lawfully established tribunal of adjudication; it proceeded with its work in a lawful manner; it reached a decision which stands as the expression of the will of the American people and that decision is entitled to the same respect as any other decision by any other governmental tribunal.

In an effort to substitute lawful procedure for the force and violence of a strike or a lockout, and in an endeavor to protect the interests of all the people from the conflicting interests of employers and employees, Congress passed the law which provided for the adjudication of railroad disputes. That the law is not perfect or its administration perfect is quite likely, but it is the best that has ever been accomplished for the general welfare. It substitutes legal decisions based upon evidence in the place of agreements forced by arbitrary power on the one hand or exacted under the threat of distress and devastation on the other. The country is presented, therefore, with the question whether it will be governed by lawful procedure or by mob rule. There can be no question whatever as to the position the great body of American people will take.

A railroad strike may be called, but, if called, it will mark the beginning of the end of the organizations responsible for defiance of law and disregard of the public welfare.

THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE AGAIN

The following extract is from a little book by H. E. Fosdick, the eminent New York clergyman. It was probably written soon after the great war and before the Washington Conference. It is a commentary on the spirit which pervaded that great meeting of the nations.

After quoting a passage from Isaiah he says, "Co-operative responsibility must overpass national lines, if this hope of the prophet is to be fulfilled. The old age still lifts up its voice to cry, War is inevitable; the new age cries, War is no more inevitable than slavery. The old age still insists that the state has no obligation but power; the new age answers that the state can be as Christian as a man. The old age urges that all nations must be armed against each other; the new age replies that all nations must co-operate together for the world's peace. In this choice between Christ and Satan, Christians have an enormous stake. War in its origins, motives, methods and issues is the most powerful anti-Christian influence on earth. But individual service alone cannot handle the problem. The co-operative organization of all the international good-will there is, is indispensable. What an expanded, steady, wise and ardent public-mindedness will be necessary to make such co-operation win the day!"

SPLENDID SOCK LININGS

There is no excuse for anybody not putting by something for a rainy day. The United States Treasury is offering securities that meet the most modest pocketbook. Treasury Savings Stamps can be bought for one dollar each at any post office or bank. When twenty of them have been accumulated they can be exchanged for a Treasury Savings Certificate that in five years will be redeemed by the United States for \$25. That means that your money will have earned interest at 4 1/2 per cent per annum, compounded semiannually. Other Savings Certificates in \$100 and \$1,000 denominations may be bought for \$80 and \$800, respectively. An individual may own as much as \$5000 worth of those certificates of the series of any one year, and may then buy \$5,000 worth of the next year's series, and so on. There is no better investment in the world. The interest return is higher than any savings bank, and the security of the principal is beyond question.

WHAT A RELIEF

France is to send a financial commission this month to the U. S. for the purpose of arranging the refunding of the French debt to this country. A British commission will also come at an early date, and the end of the year may well see about seventenths of the total foreign debt put in negotiable form, with interest payments assured, and a date for final liquidation arranged. With negotiations concluded with the two principal debtor nations, it should not prove a difficult matter to take up the question with each of the other countries in turn and speedily convert the notes now held by the Treasury into securities that may be handled in the future as Congress may direct.

A still tongue is not always a wise one. Sometimes the judge considers it contempt of court.

The richer a man gets the poorer he feels in his greed for more.

With Our State Contemporaries

MR. FORDNEY'S RETIREMENT

The state of Michigan may very well regret the determination of Joseph W. Fordney to retire from congress at the conclusion of his present term of office. We do not say this because we believe that Mr. Fordney always has been correct in the positions he has taken on public matters. There are, for instance, features of his tariff bill that seem more than dubious, and his American valuation plan requires a great deal of defense. But Mr. Fordney commands respect even though one may differ with him strongly and at times question seriously the wisdom of his opinions. For throughout the almost quarter of a century of his work in the house of representatives, the member from the Eight Michigan district has consistently had the courage of his convictions. He has stood honestly by his beliefs and principles. He has not trimmed. He has been a man. And as he has gained in experience, he has become an outstanding public servant and has done good work for his nation and his state.

Also, and this is no small matter, Mr. Fordney has given Michigan prouder prestige and influence in congress. In this connection, the people of the Eighth district deserve credit and thanks because after finding a capable representative, they have had the good sense to value him and stick to him. If some other Michigan district would show equal wisdom, the state would have in the national capital a much stronger all round representation than it possesses.—Detroit Free Press.

"MASSACRE"

The bloody happenings at Herrin, Ill., classify under only one Anglo-Saxon word, "massacre." We have heard before in this generation of labor riots, race riots, bread riots, etc. But "massacre" has had no application in the United States of recent years. The grim thing harks back to the days of the pioneers when red-skinned savages sprang from the underbrush to slay pale-faced invaders without mercy. The River Raisin massacre in Michigan—near Monroe—and the destruction of Custer's brave band at Little Big Horn are comparable with the Herrin massacre. But in all of these cases—as in the race riots at East St. Louis and in Texas—the element of racial antipathy was a factor. At Herrin, however, white men tortured and killed other white men without quarter and denying mercy. To find anything even remotely resembling this massacre we must go back 95 years in American history to the day when Mormon fought Christian in the mountains of Utah. Even the Mountain Meadows Massacre, in which 159 non-Mormon settlers in Utah were ruthlessly slaughtered is not wholly akin to this 1922 horror, since it was largely Indians who did the killing—women and children being included in the slain—although Mormons were charged to have inspired the massacre. In fact, John D. Lee, a Mormon leader, was condemned and executed in 1877 for his share in the conspiracy. There is a difference between fighting and massacre. All reports from Herrin agree that the slain strike-breakers were completely overpowered, and the Associated Press declares they were herded together and slain. In this respect Herrin's black record resembles the Mountain Meadows Massacre. The crime smacks of the days of the Inquisition. In years gone by massacres have been inspired by two great causes of discord: religion and racial inharmony. That horrors remindful in their inhumanity of the Mountain Meadows Massacre and the savage ruthlessness of the Indians can occur in this country in the Twentieth Century with only the white race involved is powerful evidence of the extremes to which conflict between Labor and Capital can go when machinery of peaceful adjudication is lacking.—The Grand Rapids Herald.

ANNOUNCE MARRIAGE

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Cresser of this city have announced the marriage, on June 17, of their daughter, Celia, to Mr. J. R. Rosenerans of Middleton. They will make their home on the groom's farm near Middleton.

July 4 Auto Races

Mt. Pleasant

Feature of all day Celebration

Isabella County Agricultural Association

Admission 50 Cents Starts 3 P. M.

MT. PLEASANT TO CELEBRATE

Everything is set for the big auto racing program on the Mt. Pleasant Fair Grounds track the afternoon of July 4th, when the Isabella County Fair Society will give races under sanction of the Michigan Speedway Association. Secretary Burch has been receiving mail orders and phone calls from all over this section of the state from parties who want to be sure that they will be able to get out. All the star drivers of Michigan will be on hand and the races will be the big feature of an all day, old fashioned celebration and Mt. Pleasant is putting forth her best dress to make welcome and accommodate the big horde of visitors that are expected.

Among the famous drivers who will be on hand is Bob Wilcox of Twoona, for several years state champion, and who is driving a Frontenac this year, and in which he created a new state record of 33 and 1/5 seconds last week. Pitted against him will be such stars as Dudek, the flashy driver from Standish, who always makes the opposition as tough as possible; McCall of Detroit, Long, Voell and Carpenter from Saginaw, Taylor from Flint, Shandler from Detroit, Hall from Grand Rapids and other stars.

The races start at 3 o'clock and will consist of from seven to nine events, determined by the number of elimination heats that are necessary.

CONGRESSMAN JOSEPH W. FORDNEY PLANS TO RETIRE

(Continued from page one) seek the nomination, making certain that the political toga will not be added on to any one.

Political gossip early Monday began to link numerous names with the name primary. Already some of his men have tossed their hats into the ring, and there is every probability that another week will see a still greater list of candidates. Among those who have entered the race, or whose names are being connected with it as probable candidates for the Republican nomination at the primary in September 12 are Judge Ernest A. Snow of Saginaw, Bird J. Vincent of Saginaw, city attorney, and William Smith of St. Johns, chairman of the Michigan Public Utilities Commission.

Expectations now are that there will be an agreement between Judge Snow and Bird J. Vincent, as to which of these Saginaw men will make the race against Smith.

GOOD SERVICE

An excellent commencement was made Sunday evening in the union services held in the park. An audience of approximately two hundred listened to an inspiring message from Rev. Horton, of the Episcopal church, on the theme "Sowers and Reapers." Frank Smith led the community singing aided by a union choir. Mrs. Malcolm Smith sang a solo of unusual beauty.

Next Sunday evening Rev. E. E. Shafter will speak using the theme, "Stewards of Redemption."

"I Got Real Mad When I Lost My Setting Hen," Mrs. Hannan.

"I went into the hen house one morning and found my favorite setter dead. I got real mad. Went to the store, bought some RAT-SNAP and in 2 weeks I got six dead rats. Everybody who raises poultry should keep RAT-SNAP."

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328 State Street

OPENS A TEA ROOM

Mrs. Miller of Maple Ridge farm, one mile west of this city, is opening a tea room at her farm home, which is adjacent to the golf grounds, and will furnish a delightful place of refreshment for the numerous players and their friends, who are almost constantly on the course. Mrs. Miller expects to open the charming tea room on July 4.

PATTENGILL REUNION

The thirty-third annual Pattengill reunion, of the former pupils of the late Henry Pattengill, will be held on Friday at the home of Fred Griswold, on trunk line 14, near Lansing Friday. Mr. Griswold was a former Gratiot resident, and one of "Pat's" former pupils. It is expected that many of Pattengill's former pupils in this county will attend the reunion.

DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK—

THAT a cool kitchen in summer does much to make a happy home.

THAT you should pity the man who can't see anything good in his own home city.

THAT the only knocker you should have in your city is MR OPPORTUNITY, who is today knocking at your door. Why not open the door and let him in. DO IT NOW, some day he may get tired of waiting and leave.

THAT a dead fish floats down stream. It takes a LIVE FISH to swim up stream.

THAT there is untold satisfaction in knowing that you are one of the progressive citizens who are building your city.

THAT the merchant that advertises, knows the merit of his wares and must substantiate his every printed assertion.

THAT you should GET THE HABIT—BOOST YOUR CITY.

THAT after the family reads your home paper, mail it to some friend or acquaintance in some other city or state. Try it for a month, that is one way to help advertise your city.

E. R. Waite, Sec., Shafnee, Okla. C. of C.

ALMA CREAMERY CO'S DAIRY FOODS. Includes images of a woman and child, and text: "Thanks, Mamma".

Bartley's Market

FREE DELIVERY ON ALL ORDERS 50c AND OVER

SPECIALS FOR SATURDAY

Kansas Bread Flour 1.00 Kettle Roasts of beef none better, sack— 1.00 extra quality, lb. 14c

Table listing various food items and prices: Corned beef, boneless, lb. 16c; Hamburg steak, lb. 12c; Pork steak, lb. 18c; Fresh pork in chunk, lb. 14c-19c; Fresh pork shanks, lb. 10c; Pork in pickle, lb. 12c-17c; Bacon, home smoked, lb. 25c; Pork sausage, lb. 16c; Lard, home rendered, lb. 15c; Smoked hams, sugar cured half or whole—33c; Smoked ham butts, 4-5 lbs. per lb. 15c; Veal for stewing, lb. 12c-18c; Veal roasts, lb. 20c; Veal chops, lb. 22c-30c; Fowls for stewing and roasting, per lb. 30c-32c; Lake trout, lb. 27c; Mackerel in brine, lb. 28c; Cod-fish 1 lb boxes—25c; Salmon, tall can—15c; Cheese, full cream—27c; Corn, can—11c; Milk, tall can—10c; Peas, sifted, can—12c; Soup, can 10c, 3 for 27c; Peaches in syrup No. 2 1/2 can 20c; Prunes, good size, lb—15c; Raisins in bulk, lb—24c; Apricots, fancy, lb—34c; Loganberries, No. 10 can—60c; Pineapple, No. 10 can—75c; Peaches—75c; Catsup, No. 10 can—80c; Dill pickles, doz.—18c; Corn, qt. jar—20c; Black Cross tea, lb—65c; Coffee in bulk good quality lb—27-32c; Ginger Snaps, lb—12c; Fig bars, lb—15c; Peroxide bath tablets—8c; Good broom—50c.

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SPECIAL

For Saturday, July 1st

Table listing special prices: Corn, Peas and Beans. One Dozen Cans, assorted \$1.00; Cream of Wheat Bread Flour 24 1/2 lb. sack \$1.00.

We carry a full line of Choice Meats at the lowest possible prices.

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Harold Lloyd in A Sailor-Made Man

The Super-dreadnought of Fun with no limitation on laughter.

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