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LACK OF PERSONAL TOUCH

The prevalence of strikes which cause so much trouble in this day is attributed by some to the lack of personal touch between those operating plants and their employees. In the olden time the employers and employees mingled, and there was little disposition upon the part of either to ring about dissatisfaction. There were, of course, frictions at times, but general walkouts were not generally in evidence.

The world is conducted upon different lines at present. A plant in Montana may be conducted by a firm, or company the main office of which is in New York.

In the good old ante bellum days in Alexandria strikes were exceedingly rare. At that time employers and employees often worked side by side. We can recall a shipyard where forty or fifty men were employed. The lessees of the plant labored with the men they employed. Another plant which for many years conducted a prosperous business in our city was seldom troubled with strikes, for the reason, probably, that the owners generally worked and mingled with their men.

The Gazette during its career of a century and a half has had but few labor troubles to deal with. The fact that its owners during a hundred years worked with their employees may be assigned as the reason. We recall but two general strikes on this paper during all that period.

A writer in Leslie's in this connection says:

"In a conversation which I had recently with Joseph Harriman, he said he believed that the lack of personal touch accounted for much of the discontent in our present industrial life. In the old days, Mr. Harriman said, the toilers were not working for an impersonal corporation, they were working for the old man. There was a family attachment that endeared the employer and the employe to one another. Then they would not think of labor wars. But now with a cold impersonal organization, they had no compunctions in calling a strike.

THE HAND OF FATE

Scarcely a day passes without newspapers in the larger cities noting the killing of some small boy, white or colored, by an automobile. Such accidents are

common, and in the majority of cases the little ones are declared to have been in fault by running thoughtlessly in front of oncoming cars. In most cases it requires but a few lines to tell the sad story.

Eight-year-old Vinson McLean, with a hundred million dollars to his credit, was the latest victim of an automobile. He was struck Sunday near his home in Washington and his death followed.

The souls of vast multitudes, virtually all who read newspapers, go out in sympathy for the parents and other relatives of the ill-starred youngster. Notwithstanding his many attendants, all supposed to be exercising the closest surveillance over him, he was suddenly called to pass into the other world on a road which many other youngsters with no fortunes or family names have been forced to take.

From the moment of Vinson's birth the baby was surrounded with the richest luxuries money could purchase.

At Bar Harbor, in 1911, kidnappers, with an eye for a fat ransom, made an attempt to obtain possession of the child, but did not succeed. This incident caused his parents to hire a bodyguard of detectives to protect the child from future like adventures. Whenever he went for a drive detectives sat on the box of the carriage or in the automobile, and other detectives followed the equipage on bicycles. When he walked with his nurses detectives were always in trail. He traveled more in the manner of a prince than the son of an American.

The "hundred-million-dollar baby" had five nurses at one time, each of a different nationality.

One of the trappings with which Vinson was surrounded was a \$40,000 gold crib, a gift to him from King Leopold of Belgium. At Christmas in 1913 his parents gave a party for him that cost nearly \$50,000.

As a contemporary says, "the pathos of this boy's life was, after all, greater than the pathos of his death. He was no ta Prince Fortunate, but a Prince Unfortunate. He was cursed by immense wealth from his birth. He was not born free and equal like poor boys of moderate means. He was the slave of his prospective millions. In such an environment, had he lived, into what would his life have developed? Perhaps fate was kind to him in saving him from the effects of a mistaken system of education. Money is not always a blessing. The millionaire may be as miserable as the moneyless, as poor as the pauper. The McLeans are not the only people who have made serious mistakes in child training. In point of fact there are few parents who have not, few who understand the most important business in the world."

DEBT TO SALVATION ARMY

All Virginia has begun the paying of its debt to the Salvation Army. Reports received from various sections of the State late last night showed that more than \$50,000 of the \$500,000 quota had been subscribed to the home service fund, by means of which the organization is to continue and extend its work in this State on the same plane as

that in war. These reports were from but the cities in the State, including but few of the counties.

The United States Army demobilizes, but the Salvation Army goes on forever, as long as there are suffering and want and woe in the world, orphans to be sheltered, the fallen to be raised, and manhood to be made over. The members in fact enlist for life. The Salvation Army is local, and yet not local, for it fights the battle of life for the poor, the helpless, and the unfortunate "in sixty-three countries and colonies in all parts of the earth," and in forty tongues "it preaches the gospel of humanity.

SEAPLANES LOCATED

Tars Missin on Ocean, Arrive in Port Under Own Power

Horta, Azores, May 20.—All three of the American seaplanes are now accounted for.

NC-3, the missing flagship of the squadron, came into the harbor of Ponta Delgado yesterday afternoon under her own power, after having been sixty-seven hours and fifty minutes at sea.

Commander Towers and his crew were in good condition, but fagged out by lack of rest and also in need of food, because the three planes had carried rations for only one day.

Unfavorable weather prevented Lieut. Com. Read from making the "hop off" for Ponta Delgado yesterday morning to take on oil and fuel for the flight to Lisbon, but it was announced that a start would be made at 7 o'clock yesterday morning, if weather conditions permit.

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