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The wise shall inherit glory; but shame shall be the promotion of fools.—Proverbs 3:35.

## Is the Government Asking for Anarchy?

WHAT is probably the most amazing labor injunction ever attempted by an American court was issued yesterday afternoon in Chicago by a Federal district judge at the request of United States Attorney General Daugherty.

In effect it orders that railroad union officials may not participate in any manner in the direction of the strike. They are especially forbidden talking to strikers or about the strike through letters, telephone conversations or newspaper interviews.

The terms of the injunction as they apply to the rank and file are little different from the drastic Federal Court orders that have become common in recent years. It is in the terms laid down against the officials of the union that the astounding departure is found.

The attorney general asks that the present national strike proceed from now on without any leaders whatever. And the court undertakes to meet the suggestion.

The attorney general asks that anarchy take the place of order within the ranks of the strikers. The court says it shall be done.

For that is what this means. Any person who has ever had the slightest contact with industrial warfare knows that the most difficult job confronting any striking organization is the maintenance of good order within the organization. That is where the test of labor leadership comes in. It is leadership that prevents violence. When you read that rails have been torn up, or strike-breakers shot down, you know that somewhere leadership has failed.

When you read the story of the horror at Herrin, Ill., in the coal strike, you read an example of leaderless action. For years it has been a common saying that "What the unions need is leadership."

And now, by the word of a Federal judge, all leadership is taken from the railway shopmen.

## Hoover and Coal Prices

THE other day Secretary Hoover in approving an increase of coal at the pit mouths of Virginia mines to \$4.50 said that as the prices in West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee have been advanced to that figure at the request of the respective governors of those states, "it is only just" that the Virginia mines be allowed to have the same prices.

Many people take it that the Secretary meant this is a just price. Some people will be foolish enough to believe that because three governors of three states have asked for this advance for their mine owners, it is a just price. They little know governors!

But people have the right to accept as weighty any remark on an economic fact made by Mr. Hoover. What Mr. Hoover must have meant is that when the price was boosted in these three States, it was only fair to let the Virginia mine-owners have the same prices. In that sense of the statement, Hoover was right.

But now that the Government is contemplating the regulation of the price of coal by a law which will deny to mines charging excessive prices their supply of cars, it is time to begin to examine the matter as to what are excessive prices. Let us not accept what Hoover said was fair under special conditions as our general measure of fairness.

For \$4.50 a ton at the pit-mouth in those four States is not a fair price. It is an excessive price. It is profiteering. It will mean extortion and suffering this winter if it prevails. Before the strike, such prices were unknown for ordinary coal. Hundreds of thousands of tons were moving all the time from the mines of those States at less than \$2.00 a ton at the pit-mouth.

The miners have gone back to work at the old wages, except where the non-union mines have advanced wages to the union scale. The expense of reopening the mines, of which some of those governors have talked, is a bagatelle. It would offer no justification for any advance in prices. Let not Hoover be quoted to the effect that \$4.50 a ton at the pit-mouth is "fair" in these States; or any proportional advance in any State. The boost during the strike will more than pay for opening the mines.

## Why any advance at all over pre-strike prices?

### "Kid" McCoy's New Record

"NINTH coming up!" This is the announcer's cry when a prize fight or (in Indianapolis) a boxing contest reaches the end of the eighth round without a knockout punch being administered.

And now the press dispatches from Los Angeles tell us that the "ninth is coming up" for Norman Selby, otherwise "Kid" McCoy. He is about to embark upon his ninth adventure in the matrimonial arena. The last information we had of the ex-champion was that he was expecting to wed his ninth wife and sail for a honeymoon to the Orient.

"Kid" McCoy spent his early youth in Indianapolis. He learned to use the padded mitt in Sim Coy's roadhouse near here. He became a skillful boxer and fought his way to the top in the days when a fellow had to be a fighter to rate above the average.

He was shifty in the prize ring and he has proved himself shifty with the wedding ring. We know of no other former Indianapolis resident who has approached his record in either.

## STORES RESUME REGULAR HOURS

Local Business Houses Discontinue Saturday Half-Holidays—Closed Monday.

Beginning today Indianapolis stores which have been observing Saturday half-holidays will resume their regular 6 o'clock closing hour. All members of the Merchants' Association will close Monday, Sept. 4, Labor Day. Tuesday the stores which have been closing at 5 o'clock on the first five days of the week during the summer will resume the regular closing closing hour of 5:30 p. m.

**Skirt Length**  
No skirt should be more than nine inches from the floor and seven or eight is the approved length, advanced designers say.

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### FOR SECRETARIES

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"The Secret of Typewriting Speed," by Owen.

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"The Efficient Secretary," by Spencer.

"The Training of a Secretary," by Church.

### LEARN A WORD TODAY

Today's word is—GARRULITY.

It's pronounced—ga-roo-li-ty, with accent on the second syllable.

It means—talkativeness, especially concerning trifles.

It comes from—Latin "garrire," to chatter.

It's used like this—"Repeated attempts have been made, both through outside criticism and by effort on the part of certain of its own members, to check the garrulity of the United States Senate, but with little or no success thus far."

## DRIVE TO CRUSH UNIONS IS DEAD, SAYS GOMPERS

Laboring Men Realize Organs Only Protection Against Tyranny.

### QUESTIONS WAGE SCALES

Federation Head Asserts Pay Increases Forecast Rise of Unionism.

Editor's note: The increase in wages by the United States Steel Corporation and followed by all the large steel companies, the Pennsylvania railroad, the American Plate Glass Company and finally the Union Pacific railroad—in the face of the industrial crisis—has aroused intense discussion among labor leaders. The view of organized labor on these increases granted by corporations, largely nonunion, as expressed by Samuel Gompers, is presented herewith.

BY SAMUEL GOMPERS, President of the American Federation of Labor.

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—There is no question of the fact that increases in wages have been ordered by several large nonunion concerns, but most of them, including the increases, have not come up to the standard of the rates of wages paid to union workers engaged in like character of work.

**Due to Drives**  
There is only one factor to which these proposed increases are due. For these years there has been a drive of a large number of employers to destroy unionism with the object of reducing wages. In some industries the employers have found no antagonistic resistance, until the strike of the textile workers. The workers in the needle trades, followed by the strike of the granite cutters and quarrymen followed again by the miners and the railway shopmen.

These strikes, resisting reductions in wages, carried on so vigorously, have without doubt checked not only the reductions in wages which would have come otherwise, but have turned the tide toward increases and improvements in conditions of the working people of the country.

**Drive Is Spent**  
The drive to destroy the unions has spent its force. The spirit of the men of labor of America was never so keen to the recognition of the fact that their organizations are their only protection against tyranny and injustice, and now we have published increases of wages offered by numbers of employers, where, in nearly every issue of the press, there have been previously recorded wage reductions.

The tide has turned and the whole country will profit by the change. Non-union employers cannot make the men of organized labor angry by increasing wages.

## VENTILATION

By DR. R. H. BISHOP



NE physician's prescription for good health is "to get in a draught and stay in it."  
This sounds revolutionary, for we often hear of "catching cold" in draught. Really, however, it isn't the draught that brings on the cold, but overheating in a stuffy, unventilated room before or after exposure to it.

Air is the first necessity of life, yet many people worry about every little draught and extra current of air. Instead of worrying, the right thing is to take advantage of the draught, breathe the deeply several times and observe how better you feel.

There is a blanket of hot air around the human body at all times. It requires a strong current of air or a breeze to life this blanket and make the body cool and comfortable. The current may be provided by an electric fan, or it may come from a ventilation shaft, or, better yet, from a window, open top and bottom. Just so long as the air is fresh and kept in motion, the result will be the same.

Every one should get accustomed to fresh air, breathe all of it that is possible, and then he won't mind cold, wintry air. Those who are hardened to cold air are less subject than others to colds, bronchitis and pneumonia.

No condition tends more surely to colds, grip and lowered vitality than a crowded room with no air circulation. Excessive dryness, combined with insufficient air, affects the mucous membranes of the nose and throat.

Be sure to open your windows wide at night and obey these general hygiene rules if you would enjoy perfect health.

Let the fresh air in.  
Go out after it.  
Sleep out if you can.  
Breathe deeply.

## UNUSUAL FOLK

By NEA Service

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 2.—Past 80 years old, Mrs. Appollonia Hauer, was keeping herself feeling like a young girl, she says, by "keeping all the time she's awake." Her housework isn't enough, so she has a large flower and vegetable garden, which she cultivates unaided.

As she still has a good many spare hours, she "puts up" quantities of fruit and vegetables every season. Last year she accounted for 350 quart cans of preserves, but this fall she says she expects to do considerably better.

"Keep busy," she tells her great-grandchildren, "if you want to be well and happy."

## Future U. S. Ambassadors Are to Occupy Building Following Brazil's Centennial

By NEA Service

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept. 2.—Uncle Sam now owns an embassy building. The Government's first venture in constructing quarters for any of its long list of ambassadors has been started in Rio de Janeiro. Formerly the Government's diplomatic forces have been housed in any sort of building that could be rented or bought.

Edwin V. Morgan, present ambassador, will be the first tenant of America's first embassy building.

The structure is being erected in connection with the Brazilian Centennial Exposition and will be America's exhibit at the exposition, before becoming an embassy. It will be completed in November at a cost of \$1,000,000, but much of its space will be available when the exposition opens Sept. 7.

The building was designed by Frank L. Packard, Columbus (Ohio) architect.

The exterior will be of white stucco and of Portuguese colonial design, two stories in height, and the interior of native timber.

## SUGGESTION

Made by Hutchinson to Improve Coal Supply Predicament.

To the Editor of The Times

There seems to be a determined effort on the part of some interests to convince the public that too many men are employed in the coal mining industry and that a reduction to about 50 per cent of the present force would effect a cure of all the ills that the industry is heir to; that by reducing the number of miners employed and furnishing them with steady employment the year through wages could be reduced 50 per cent and the public at much lower rate.

One suggestion that seems to meet with the approval of politicians, and newspapers, is that there are too many men employed in mining coal and that about 50 per cent of them should be diverted to other trades and that the others could furnish steady employment and provide all the fuel that the country needs.

Let us analyze the preparation and see why. If only enough miners are employed working full time to supply the needed amount of coal it would be reasonable that the product will have to be regularly shipped and stored for as it is impossible to store it at the mines. Coal stored through the hot summer months will go to slack, and at the same time there is danger of an entire loss from spontaneous combustion. Now suppose we have just enough miners working to supply the market and the market refuses to be supplied till the winter months come. The limited number of miners could only produce half the amount needed to turn the wheels of industry and supply heat to the general public, and as industry, under its yearly contracts, would be supplied first, the public would be d—d, but not rescued by any means.

Coal mining is a seasonal occupation and a sufficient number of skilled miners must be kept employed to meet any emergency and they must be paid a wage sufficient to the needs of their families the year through. However, the suggestion, like many other false theories, has a grain of truth in it and much good might be accomplished if the Government and the various States would prepare proper storage rooms at all the public institutions and buy their coal during the summer months instead of buying just as the need arises, as no doubt arrangements might be made for a reasonable reduction in price of coal bought and stored in this way.

If the proposed plan would be put in operation I would like to know if the interests behind the movement are prepared to furnish employment to the several hundred thousand miners that would leave the mines in view of the fact that we already have so many idle men.

JOHN HUTCHINSON, Secretary, Legislative Committee, United Mine Workers of America, 1107 Merchants Bank Building.

## THE REFEREE

By ALBERT APPLE

Pennsylvania State police, checking up law-breakers, find that crime tendencies run in five-year cycles after the age of 30. That is, an individual's danger years—the periods when he is most likely to get into trouble—are 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, etc.

Can you explain it? Invisible emotional and mental waves pulsate through people, with the regularity of a pendulum or of ocean tides. Is crime a force like electricity?

MONKEY-MEN  
English explorers, headed by Neal McNeill, will penetrate the dense jungles of British New Guinea, where no white man has ever been.

They will look for a fabled race of pygmy men with tails. In other words the missing link between monkey and man.

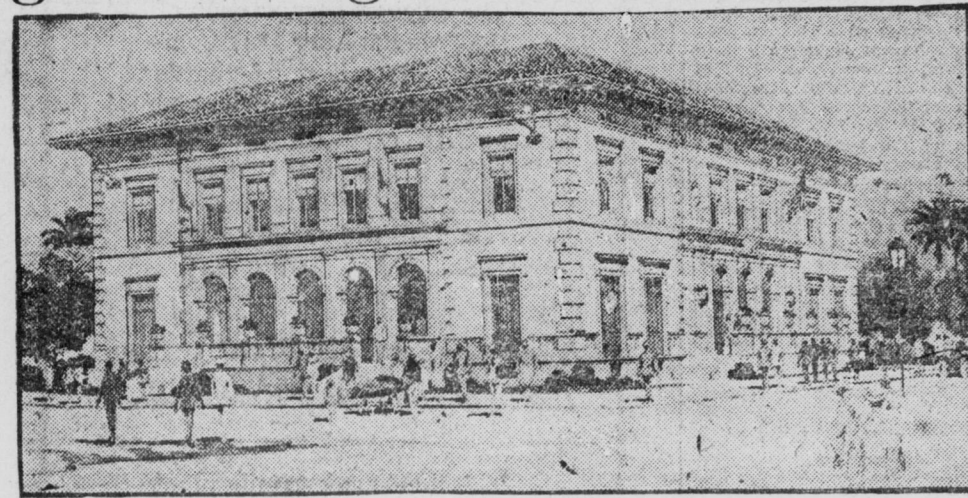
As you know in advance, no such beings will be found. But looking for them is just as sensible as a good many other quests that are made in American politics and economies.

CHANGE  
Prohibition is making great changes in the eating habits of hotel guests. This is forcing hotels to go back to the old-time "American plan"—a rate for room and meals. So says C. H. Harrington, New York caterer. Other hotel men at the convention agree with him.

With the passing of the rumhound and his midnight suppers of lobster and other delicacies, the chef in the hotel kitchen finds the general cry is for a substantial meal. Watch this tendency. A change of diet changes the whole being—emotions and brain.

IF YOU ARE WELL BRED  
You do not begin to put on your wraps until the theater performance or the concert is over.

To do so annoys those around you and is rude to the performer. A woman may remove her hat upon entering a theater or she may wait until just before the curtain rises. She should never wait until the performance is started and have to be reminded by the person behind.



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## Eastern Rail Spokesman Hurls Attack at Argument for Minimum Wage Scale

By United Press

CHICAGO, Sept. 2.—The assertion that the average American family needs a definite minimum wage was attacked before the United States labor board by Jacob Aaronson, representing the eastern railroads.

Aaronson based his denial on the grounds that the average family does not consist of five people as arguments presented by labor witnesses declared; that the average workman does not support a family of five; that the grounds upon which an assumption are based are wholly inaccurate and that there is no such thing as a standardized cost of living.

Aaronson was replying to the contention of witnesses for the maintenance of a wage scale in their application for an increase in wages.

Aaronson quoted figures from the United States census of 1920 to show that the average family consists of

44 persons regardless of age.

He declared that there was an average of only 1.4 dependent children for each of the 24,351,756 families in the country and that instead of one wage earner there are 1.36 male workers to each family.

Aaronson asserted that the maintenance of a wage scale did not take into consideration the large number of single men who supported only themselves. "If there is a principle involved," he said, "it must be applied according to different minimum wage requirements in localities. This requirement differs greatly. We cannot admit that these budgets should be averaged and made uniform in all localities."

Aaronson also stated that in the latter part of 1921 the railroads employed approximately 1,658,000 employees. Upon the theoretical basis of 1.36 male workers to the family he would be 1,213,255 families. Counting

three children to the family would result in 3,639,705 children or 10 per cent of the children of the entire United States.

The railroad workers number about 5 per cent of the male workers of the country. "Why should we assume that 5 per cent of the workers are supporting 10.4 per cent of the children?" Aaronson asked.

"As for labor's demand that the board recognize the principle of the living wage, we don't know what it is; no one knows. There isn't any such thing."

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