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"Give Light and the People Will Find Their Own Way."

Thomas Adams, Crusader
Thomas Adams, courageous crusader as an editor, sleeps. The scars he leaves behind are upon the enemies he fought and the evils he denounced. The memory he leaves is one that those who feared and hated him in life might envy for their own.

The senate, in effect, went half-way to meeting the house requirements.

The house refused to do as much.

If this happens again in the coming session the responsibility will be President Hoover's, for the house still is amenable to his wishes.

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The Six-Hour Day

Action by the five railway brotherhoods indorsing the six-hour day without wage reduction shows the way the wind is blowing. What these brotherhoods—representing 375,000 members—do today, the rest of the 2,000,000 railway workers are apt to do tomorrow. The American Federation of Labor already has declared for a five-day working week.

Doubters point out that it is one thing for labor to make demands, and quite another for industry to grant those demands.

But this rather misses the nub of present developments. Several industries already are operating on either a shorter day or week—and finding that it pays. More than 500,000 union members in seventeen crafts are working under the shortest week; it is supported by such political leaders as Senator Watson, Republican leader in the senate, and Chairman Raskob of the Democratic national committee.

According to the United States labor department, there is a general drift toward shorter working hours throughout the country.

The variety of industrial organizations and needs are such that no one simple solution is apt to be found for all. Some industries could adjust more easily to a five-day week of eight-hour days. Some industries, of which railroad transportation is only one, are not adapted to the shorter week and therefore would find reduction more practicable through the shorter day.

But whatever the methods used, American industry seems headed toward a system of shorter working time at sustained wages, to give labor its share of the increased productivity of the machine and to spread jobs and money among more consumers.

Sound Policy

President Hoover's announcement that the administration will oppose the proposal to suspend the public debt sinking fund for a year, and use such funds to meet the current operating deficit, is reassuring.

Looking back over the record of our federal government since the war, one of the few high spots of statesmanship has been the policy of rapid retirement of the public debt. That policy, which has reduced the debt from twenty-six to sixteen billion dollars, compensates for many of the mistakes made by the Coolidge-Mellon regime.

It would resort to dangerous political quackery, inviting similar future raids on the sinking fund. It would substitute false for sound economy by prolonging and compounding interest payments. It would burden future generations with costs of our war.

The case for continued rapid retirement of the public debt is so strong, the President should expect and doubtless will receive the help of both Republican and Democratic leaders in congress in maintaining this policy.

The Muscle Shoals Deadlock

It seems to be pretty generally forgotten, but it is the administration's turn to compromise on Muscle Shoals and thus put through the power development that will mean so much to a great section of the south.

The administration's forces in the house will face another test of their sincerity when the Muscle Shoals conference committee meets in two weeks; these Republicans will have a chance to say whether they really want Muscle Shoals legislation passed, after ten years' delay.

When the conference committee first met last spring it had before it the senate bill, providing for government operation of Muscle Shoals, and the house bill, providing for lease of these properties to private individuals.

The conference deadlocked, and then the senate conferees, led by Norris of Nebraska, offered their compromise. That was this: The senate would agree to the proposal of the house to the extent of leasing all fertilizer and nitrate properties at Muscle Shoals. The senate proposed that this lessee be required to manufacture exclusively fertilizer and fertilizer ingredients, and that the government, retaining the

White House Conference
The White House conference on child health and protection was, on the whole, a demonstration of good will and intelligent research. The mass of arresting facts as to the individual and social handicaps borne by 10,000,000 out of the nation's 45,000,000 children doubtless will bear fruit in many a long-deferred reform.

It is a pity, however, that the conference was not free to display more courage in outright support of the infancy-maternity aid bill now before congress, and the child labor amendment before the legislatures of forty-three states.

The conference took indirect notice of both these measures. Unfortunately, in the former issue, the policy-makers of the conference attempted to use their power, in defiance of the wishes of the hundreds of delegates, to influence congress to deprive the children's bureau of its normal function of administering infant-maternity aid. The question of child labor was handled with too many gloves.

Something should be said in favor of the son of the former crown prince of Germany who is in this country looking for a job. He might have come here on a lecture tour.

Maybe by opening a soup kitchen for the unemployed in Chicago Al Capone figures to get himself out of a stew.

A writer says that a woman should buy a dog that suits her disposition. The next step probably will be to revise that famous phrase to read "whine, women and song."

One of the paradoxes of the modern age is why a man on the loose thinks he can improve things by getting tight.

Now that Moscow and New York have been linked by radio, it will require a sharp ear to distinguish between static and, say, a revolution.

The old-timers who said the world was flat may not have been so much in error at that. Who knows but what there was a depression in those times, too?

Some fellows who planned to bag big game this season may find they are occupied keeping the wolf away from the door.

A half back, says the office sage, always is sure to get a rise out of the stands in the long run.

There are many self-made men who seem to have forgotten one last essential: Polish.

"What we need," writes a paragrapher, "is to switch unemployment to the gangsters." Just to switch gangsters would be sufficient.

REASON BY FREDERICK LANDIS

BEING sued for divorce was the cause of the dismissal of Joe Savoldi, star full back of the Notre Dame football team, but a little thing like that is not fatal in the movies, in fact it increases one's prestige.

The most serious phase of the political unrest in Cuba is that it may deprive Havana of her annual winter harvest, gleaned from the thirsty Americans who wander thither to irrigate.

It's horrible to read of the death of those nineteen children down in Colombia, caused by the mix-up in the administration of serums during anti-cholera inoculations, yet it never occurs to us to worry about the accuracy of the gentlemen who compound our prescriptions.

WE take what they give us and, thanks to their carefulness, we are not exterminated.

It's all right for some of us to be absent minded, but not for our prescription clerks.

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How do eagles teach their young to fly?

The young eagles naturally exercise their wings in the nests by flapping them, and when they have sufficient strength they start flying a little at a time.

General Erich Ludendorff predicts a World war in 1932 and thinks Germany will be annihilated by France and her allies, but if he doesn't guess any better than he did about Germany's swift victory at the outbreak of the World war, there's nothing to worry about.

M. E. Tracy SAYS:

Racketeering Owes Its Success to the Fact That Prohibition Has Made Straightforward Law Enforcement Impossible.

INSTEIN not only dreads the fuss we Americans are planning to make over him when he arrives, but confesses utter inability to understand it. He doesn't know why he has become the object of such hero worship or why that hero worship has manifested itself in large cash offers for testimonials in praise of cigarettes, breakfast foods or cosmetics.

Mass psychology is a difficult thing to fathom, he says. I fear historians never have taken the factor of mass psychology sufficiently into account in they have now.

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The Dry Threat

AS for one day's contribution to the liquor muddle, Dr. Clarence True Wilson rises to remark that if the Wickersham commission exhibits anything but adulterated loyalty to the dry cause, and if President Hoover shows the slightest symptom of becoming moist, he and all his followers will bolt.

By way of emphasizing this threat, he declares that such bolt would wreck not only the Republican party, but the Democratic party as well, and sweep the country. Not pausing to argue or analyze that phase of his challenge, American politics, whether viewed from a national or a partisan standpoint, probably could be improved if he carried it out.

Indeed, one can think of nothing that would do this country so much good as for the drys to form an organization of their own and give other people a chance to think of something else.

Always Prohibition

RELIEVING Democratic and Republican leaders from the necessity of kow-towing to fanatical drys would go a long way toward clearing the hopeless snarl. As things now stand, neither party dares make a move without first considering what effect it may have on this noisy, narrow-minded element which thinks of nothing, cares for nothing, and recognizes nothing outside of Volsteadism.

Racketeering owes not only its success, but its very existence, to the fact that prohibition has wound itself into our political system in such a way and to such extent that a sensible, straightforward attitude toward law enforcement is impossible.

Just a Sample

FOR ten years the whole world has been swayed round the dry agent and his problems, with graft, corruption, and stillification as the result. For ten years the greatest nation on earth has been so busy trying to enforce what used to be regarded as a city ordinance that it has no time to preserve the basic guarantees of human liberty or meet the problems of modern life.

No wonder Einstein regards mass psychology as hard to fathom, especially in the United States of America. It the bought-and-paid-for testimonial appeals to him as an evidence of commercial corruption, what would he say about bootlegging, hijacking, and blackmailing?

The good old man may think he has come in contact with the main springs of mass psychology in America through those offers of money for his name and photograph to be used in the movies during the Great Depression.

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The only answer to that is that thousands have done so and that there is no indication of any let-down in scientific fervor.

The martyrs of medicine are, many of them, familiar to us all. It may be objected that in an investigation such as the heroic research into the causes of yellow fever the animating principle was a desire to help suffering humanity.

This may be a factor in certain experiments, but many a laboratory man has an urge much less closely defined. He is after something called the truth, and whether it is a truth about a principle of physics or biology or astronomy makes little difference.

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