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

### Open the Mines

Threat of martial law in the mining district of Indiana suggests that the state should offer brains instead of bullets to settle the difficulties in that industry.

The remnant of what was once a very strong union organization of workers is now idle through a failure to agree with operators on a new wage scale.

Underneath that failure is a story of conflict within the union, a struggle for control and more than that, competition between various localities and different types of mines for control of the huge Chicago coal market. The welfare of the workers was of minor importance to the selfish interests in these conflicts in all the negotiations.

In these desperate days, when work is essential and when wage scales in the mining industry must be on a competitive basis if the industry is to continue, both sides to this controversy must face the facts.

The people of this state have a very direct interest in the matter. There has been much privation and suffering in the mining districts. It has been necessary to send aid to the jobless. That aid has been all too little and has failed to properly care for the dependents of the thousands who have had no work.

There is the larger interest in preventing the tragedy that comes with open conflict.

Probably outside of a very few workers, the vast majority of the miners want only one thing—work on a basis that gives to them a fair share of the products of their labor. They want to work in the mines. They are willing to work on a basis that is necessarily established by the price of coal in the one logical market.

No leadership could be more stupid, to put it in the most kindly term, than that which would unnecessarily add to unemployment at the present time.

For a number of years, the miners' union has been losing ground because its leadership has failed to recognize certain fundamental economic facts as they relate to this state. The men have been sacrificed. This has brought hunger, desperation and desertions until many of the mines are running, when at all, under unorganized conditions and there is the prospect of this state being transformed into another Kentucky slave pen.

Bullets will not settle the matter. Only work can do that. And work can come only when there is fairness and justice, not obstinate defiance of facts on the one side or more obstinate greed upon the other.

Instead of soldiers, a commission of fair-minded men should be sent to survey the situation and bring peace and work.

### The Way Is Clear

The increase of water rates on larger users of water is declared illegal by the attorney-general and denounced by two members of the public service commission.

The concession obtained by the city in taxes can, therefore, be regarded only as a confusion by the water company of its extortions from the public purse.

The increase must be stopped, and can be stopped, if there is an organized effort on the part of those who are called upon to pay increases.

An even sadder picture is presented by the new schedules for the electric company. In addition to the confession that it has been overcharging for street lights and 1 cent chopped from the tax rate, there is a reduction of 12 cents a month to the consumer.

In return for these small concessions, the company escapes an explanation of the apparent variance between figures one set of officials presented to the public service commission and another presented to the public.

It also escapes an inquiry into its method of operation whereby it gives to a twin subsidiary of the holding company which owns both the electric company and the selling agency an extortioneer fee for buying coal.

It escapes inquiry into huge charges for management, its losses in commercial and competitive businesses outside the serving of electricity.

There has been no relief for the consumer, especially the users of power. This is important. It has a direct influence upon employment.

Is there enough courage in this city to demand a new inquiry? All that it takes is a petition of ten citizens.

### This Deserves an Answer

Dr. Clarence True Wilson, general secretary of the Methodist board of temperance, prohibition and public morals, says in an interview:

"I have no prejudice against referring any subject of importance in the Constitution, or out of it, to the people. . . . Whenever the wets can agree to put up a substitute which they think better than prohibition, I for one will be in favor of letting them have a vote on the subject and help them get it."

"We will not favor a referendum to vote ourselves overboard. . . . If the opposition can agree on what they want, we would have a chance to look it over and vote for that or for prohibition."

That's fine. It is an attitude of mind worthy of careful consideration by wet leaders. It reflects again the mental processes Dr. Wilson seems to have been employing of late.

A great many good citizens honestly believed that liquor could be abolished by law. Many millions in public money have been spent to prove that theory, with unsatisfactory results. But it is only fair that prohibitionists be given an honest answer to the question they are asking wet leaders:

"What have you to offer that is better?"

There may be a half dozen good answers, but only one is wanted. Dr. Wilson says: "Whenever the wets can agree."

It is a fair challenge to the anti-prohibitionists to get together on a definite program.

### Business for Idle Factories

"One of the most colossal follies of our time," is the way Colonel Hugh L. Cooper describes the American policy of killing our Russian trade. Cooper, whose views are printed on Page 1, Section 2, of this issue, is not a Russian propagandist. Besides ranking as America's greatest engineer, he is a conservative business man. As an engineer and business man he has dealt with the Russians for years.

No one can challenge Colonel Cooper's competence to speak on this subject with the authority of an expert. As an expert, he says:

"Beyond question, Russia today offers the biggest potential outlet for American-made goods of any country in the world. And to slam the door in the face of this market, when millions of anxious American workers are looking for jobs, is nothing short of folly."

The American business man looking for orders and the American unemployed will be interested in

## M. E. Tracy

Says:

How the Highbrow Element Can Improve Politics on the Hypothesis It's "Too Dirty to Enter," Heaven Only Knows.

NEW YORK, April 6.—Colleges are finding it possible to make the front page by other means than sport. Before getting too excited over the particular means, let us chalk that up to their credit. It is gratifying to see student activities in such institutions as Yale, Columbia and the University of California get real publicity in connection with something besides athletics. It restores one's faith in the idea that higher education includes brain work.

Russia wants to buy in America. Russia has 160,000,000 citizens who desire higher living standards, which can be facilitated with American goods.

Russia has natural resources and riches greater than all the other European nations combined.

Russia during the last eight years has bought \$2,500,000,000 worth of goods from us and paid for it without a penny loss to any American firm.

Russia buys five times as much from us as we buy from her—thus Russian trade more than any other

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