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### UNJUST TREATMENT OF INDIANA STEEL COMPANY.

The employers' liability is one of the most expensive things connected with the operation of a great manufacturing concern. It is just and right that a company should pay damages to its employees if through its negligence they are injured and are deprived of their ability to earn a livelihood.

But there are abuses of this most beneficent provision just as there are abuses of every good thing. Surface traction companies in great municipalities are often bled by those who are injured, or are able to persuade a prejudiced jury that they have been injured, until the surplus and profits are cut to nothing. This was true in the case of the consolidated traction companies in New York city.

In Hammond there are people who will chuckle with glee whenever the street car company is stuck for a \$5,000 judgment, regardless of the merits of the case and little realizing that in order to pay that \$5,000 it will be necessary to take in 100,000 nickels and carry that many passengers. Even though street cars are popularly supposed to be owned by men with dollar marks on their clothes they have got to pay dividends and when the company gets a set back in the way of a \$5,000 judgment it means that the new cars we have been wanting so long will be delayed just that much longer and we, the public, are chuckling over our own loss.

In Gary the United States Steel company has built a model plant, it is not only constructed so that the process of steel will be the most simple and the cheapest but the United States Steel company has tried to install life saving and injury preventing devices that will reduce the amount it is compelled to pay out every year for personal injuries.

It has discovered that it is just as necessary to save that by-product called "life and limb" as it is to make producer gas run its own electric motors. Consequently every device that will minimize the slaughter of innocents is being used. Gary may be proud of its new steel plant for this reason.

But even the United States Steel company wants some recognition of its efforts along this line. Realizing that no matter how many safety devices may be installed there will be some men killed and injured, for neither steel nor man are infallible, it now plans the erection of the most magnificent industrial hospital that has ever been built by a corporation. This is further evidence of the fact that steel magnates do have hearts and that they beat for even "hunkies" in their employ.

After going this length to provide safe employment for their men and then establishing a complete and sanitary hospital for those who are injured, in spite of all precautions, it is disappointing to have newspaper stories purely imaginary and greatly exaggerated, circulated about terrible accidents and new plants. It hurts the pardonable pride of the men who have been doing so much to end the loss of life and limb. Stories of actual accidents are legitimate news but the Indiana Steel company should not be blamed for imaginary horrors which it is striving so hard to prevent.

### ANENT THE GOMPERS DECISION.

That the sentencing of Gompers and his allied union labor officials to jail for contempt of court in violating Buck's injunction is received with gravity by the press is quite plain to be seen, for among all the Chicago papers this morning not one treats of the affair editorially. There can be no question of the tenor of Justice Wright's decision, nor of the importance of the issues involved as well as their complexity. The rights of man, the rights of labor, of employers, of the courts are brought face to face. The issues were discussed during the late campaign and Mr. Gompers and his visit to Lake county have not been forgotten by many people. The decision presages a never-to-be-forgotten conflict between capital and labor. But it is early yet. The sentenced men have the benefit of another appeal. They may not have to go to jail. We shall see what we shall see.

### MR. JOHNSON AND HIS NERVE.

The consummate nerve possessed by some people who are wont to employ it in a reprehensible way would make them millionaires in no time if they chose to use it in the right way. A case at Whiting yesterday illustrates this. Officers of the B. & O. railroad company found smoke issuing from a car in the yards there and upon an investigation found that Peter Johnson, an East Chicago man, had obtained some wood, taken it inside a freight car, built a fire therein and was calmly smoking his pipe and toasting his chilled shins. Mr. Johnson had, only just been released from the county jail at Crown Point and was taken back there to pass the glad Christmas tide where he will be kept warm without endangering any property belonging to the B. & O. railroad company.

### A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

In accordance with its usual custom the TIMES will not print its usual editions on Christmas Day and will afford its employees a chance to observe the day as they see fit. To all of its readers over Lake county the TIMES extends the compliments of the season and wishes them all a very Merry Christmas with all the joy that the Yuletide is supposed to bring.

THERE IS BUT ONE thing lacking and that is a plentiful supply of the beautiful. No one wants to see a green Christmas but the members of the medical fraternity and it would be much more charitable to give them the benefit of the doubt and say that they don't want sickness at this season of the year.

IT IS NO USE crying peace when there is no peace. Col. Bryan says the war is not yet over. This disposes of the rumor that the Peerless Loser was about to change the name of his paper to the Kimona and make it a Lincoln society organ.

### THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

Dec. 24.

1737—Silas Deane, a special ambassador sent to France in 1776 to seek aid for the American cause, born in Groton, Conn. Died in England, 23, 1789.  
1800—Attempt to assassinate Napoleon Bonaparte.  
1809—"Kit" Carson, noted scout and pioneer, born in Madison county, Ky. Died at Fort Lyon, Colo., May 23, 1888.  
1811—"The New Orleans," the first steamboat built in western waters, started from Pittsburgh for New Orleans.  
1814—Treaty of peace between the United States and Great Britain signed at Ghent.  
1864—Two United States ships seized at Havana for conveying arms and

## Heart to Heart Talks.

By EDWIN A. NYE.

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### ONE WOMAN'S EXTRAVAGANCE.

Mrs. Howard Gould spent \$224,000 for "pin money" in one year.

This fact was revealed in the divorce suit brought by her husband. She spent this tremendous sum for dresses, knickknacks, entertaining, etc. More over—Mrs. Gould, while making no denial of the fact that she had expended the vast sum on her personal wants, contended through her counsel that Mr. Gould had tried to starve her out of Gould castle.

Two hundred and twenty-four thousand dollars! Note a few figures: The starvation allowance made by Mr. Gould would feed 100,000 starving poor for several whole days.

If this sum of \$224,000 were in silver dollars it would require 140 husky men to carry it if each man carried 100 pounds.

That many silver dollars would weigh seven tons, a fair load for six horses to pull.

According to the census, the average expense of an American family is about \$400 a year. Put \$224,000 at interest at 6 per cent, and you could permanently pension thirteen such families.

The census reports put the average price of a farm in this country at \$4,000. Mrs. Gould's yearly allowance would buy fifty-six such farms.

Put it in the shape of dresses. The average woman would consider \$30 the maximum price for a dress. Mrs. Gould's annual expenditure would purchase dresses for 7,466 women.

"Well," you say, "the money belonged to Mrs. Gould. Did she not have the right to scatter it according to her personal fancy?" Legally, yes. Morally, no.

Every dollar of that money, in the last analysis, represents somebody's toil and sweat, somebody's short dinners and pinching economies. It is part of the capital of society, the aggregated savings of millions.

Now, for instance—Has this woman the right morally to spend \$224,000 on her petty caprices while 15,000 school children in Chicago go supperless to bed?

The spectacle of such wanton extravagance in the face of so much want and woe breeds not only envy but hatred of the very rich.

seditions proclamations.

1864—Wilmington, N. C., bombarded by the Union fleet.

1873—Johns Hopkins, founder of Johns Hopkins university at Baltimore, died. Born May 19, 1795.

1893—Unsuccessful train robbery on the Southern Pacific, near Burbank, Cal.

THIS IS MY 52ND BIRTHDAY.

Manuel Estrada Cabrera.

Manuel Estrada Cabrera, president of the republic of Guatemala, was born Dec. 24, 1856, and acceded to the presidency in 1898.

His election followed the assassination of President Barrios. Cabrera was the first president of the republic taken from civil life since 1829, those intervening having been military chiefs. Cabrera was a thorough Spaniard and an advanced liberal. Though he has held office considerably longer than the average term enjoyed by his predecessors, his rule has been beset with many troubles.

In 1899 an undue issue of paper money caused much dissatisfaction among the people and the result was that several unsuccessful attempts were made on the life of President Cabrera.

To the internal troubles of the country were added serious disputes with the neighboring republics of Salvador and Honduras, which a year or more ago assumed such a threatening aspect that the United States was obliged to interfere to bring about peace.

Dec. 25.

1635—Samuel de Champlain, explorer, died in Quebec. Born in France in 1567.

1774—British tea ship forbidden to land at Philadelphia.

1776—Americans defeated the British at Trenton, N. J.

1779—The city of Nashville, Tenn., founded.

1836—Rear Admiral Francis M. Bunce, U. S. N., born in Hartford, Conn. Died there, Oct. 19, 1901.

1895—President Johnson issued universal amnesty proclamation.

1899—China Navigation company's liner Shanghai burned near Ching Kiang, with loss of 300 lives.

1898—Great Britain inaugurated imperial penny postage.

THIS IS MY 52ND BIRTHDAY.

George I of Greece.

George I, king of Greece, was born Dec. 25, 1845, the second son of the late king of Denmark, Christian IX.

When the Greeks finally succeeded in throwing off the Turkish domination and looked about for a ruler they called Prince George of Denmark to accept the newly-created throne of Greece.

He was chosen king in March, 1863, and was crowned in November of the same year. In 1867 King George married the Grand Duchess Olga, daughter of the Russian Grand Duke Constantine. The rule of King George has been a successful one and no sovereign in Europe enjoys a greater degree of popularity with his subjects.

King George has six children. The eldest son and heir to the throne is the Duke of Sparta, who has just passed his 40th year. King George is a keen man of business and is reputed to be very wealthy, though his civil list is far below that of many other rulers in Europe.

## RANDOM THINGS AND FLINGS

A Merry Christmas.

And one good thing about it is, that you won't have to read the early Christmas shopping warning for another twelve months.

If you take the part of Santa Claus, be sure and wear the asbestos chin-chillias.

A man

May never fathom

The mind of a woman

But it is possible

To give a close

Guess

If you see her looking into a

Window at some

Hats.

Philadelphia couple just wed will part six months to test their affection. Well, six months is a long time. Like to see the betting on the event.

It is said but true that the average man's train of thought never set fire to anything.

The funny thing about Carnegie is that he thinks nobody but he understands figures, for he says: "Figures befuddle people."

LOTS OF PEOPLE IMAGINE THEY ARE GENIUSES UNTIL THEY BEGIN SENDING THINGS TO THE PAPERS. THEN THE SCALES FALL FROM THEIR EYES.

However, it will be hard for the new Gary to have the beautiful press agents that our own Gary has.

And don't forget the poor families and the homeless dogs and cats if you have too much for your own.

Men call women dainty creatures, but we notice that they let them was the dishes just the same.

The cabinet makers seem to have no trouble whatever in turning out good pieces of furniture, and it may be hard for Mr. Taft to pick.

Of course,

It is much more

Blessed to give than to receive,

But it's far less

Expensive

The

Other way around.

Read the "Christmas Carol" to the children and don't forget to take its message to your own heart.

Nothing is gained by being

glum. Many a man has laugh-

ed and had his way into

succes.

Don't blame THE TIMES if you didn't

get a present to suit the folks. We

certainly showed you where to get them.

However, you don't have to fall in

with Mr. Wickey's idea of "Indiana"

if you don't want to.

SPEECH MAY BE SILVER AND

SILENCE GOLDEN, BUT A WOMAN'S

WORD RIGHTLY TIMED IS A THING

BEYOND PRICE.

Some one wants to know the mean-

ing of "Pawky Chiel," used in THE

TIMES in the Carnegie story. It is

Scotch for "wise gazebos."

Tombstone Talk.

Nobody dies in Tombstone, unless—

they brought it "with'm," or fall into

a 600-foot vertical shaft, or buy an

automobile, or "sass" their mother-in-

law, or try to thaw out powder, or mis-

take cyanide of potassium for sugar,

or start off a county seat removal

racket. Some die of old age, some old

partners of Daniel Boone, but none

have ever been known to die from phys-

ical irregularities contracted in Tomb-

stone, aside from the above-mentioned

causes, and occasionally an abnormal

tightness about the throat, superin-

duced by a coil of manila rope, or from

a cold caught through a hole

made by a .45.—Tombstone (Ariz.) Epitaph.

## THE CREAM OF THE Morning News

Conviction and sentencing of jail terms of Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison for violating a court injunction is described by Walter Wellman, who says the decision raises in crucial form the question of "boycott by suasion."

Missouri supreme court ousts Standard Oil company of Indiana, Republic Oil company of Ohio and Waters-Pierce company from the commonwealth and orders each to pay a fine of \$50,000.

Thomas F. Ryan resigns as director in thirty-one corporations at his physicians' advice.

Letters introduced at the trial of Thornton J. Hains show his hatred of Annis, his brother's victim.

President Knight of the Oak Park line raises objections to the contract ordinance which Traction Expert Raymer, of Chicago, says he will take up with the mayor.

In another effort to save politicians from trial Attorney Darrow declares

## Yuletide Musings

The joyous time is drawing nigh, the time of turkey, pudding, pie; nor do we dream of after bills, of squalls, and pills, and Christmas bills.

A girl begins to hang up the mistletoe at about the age when she stops hanging up her stocking.

A pessimist is a fellow who wouldn't hang up his stocking for fear old Santa Claus might swipe it.

Christmas cigars are not always puffed up with pride.

There's many a slip 'twixt the Miss and the mistletoe.

Don't make it too strong. Many a man has been knocked out by one good, stiff punch.

Ask a truthful woman what she enjoys most about Christmas, and she will tell you the bargain sales afterward.

To sing a line of Christmas time (that line is but the first of it), here's hoping you may not feel blue because you get the worst of it.

When a child writes a letter of thanks to Santa Claus, it should be cherished like a rare plant. That kid isn't long for this world.

No Christmas present is so useless that you can't pass it on to some one else next year.

Remember that it is better to give than to receive—the things you don't want.

Take off the tags. Many a friendship has been severed by the price mark on a Christmas present.

I have often wondered wherein consisted the wisdom of Solomon when he had a thousand wives. I am now convinced that it must have been in living in the days before Christmas was celebrated.

It's all right to pity the poor at this peace-on-earth season, but it is also well to remember that sympathy doesn't fill an empty stomach.

Indictments in connection with primary fraud are faulty.

Express offices and postal stations unable to handle all Christmas packages in time to reach destination in Chicago.

Costly books which caused charge of swindling by Mrs. James A. Patten, of Chicago, are shown at trial.

Use of formaldehyde as a preservative condemned by Dr. Wiley, government chemist, is a report made public at Washington.

Strong pressure brought on the ways and means committee of the house to impose a duty on sugar.

Public prosecutor in Paris slays Count de Castellane and Prince de Sagan and recommends that the children be left with their mother with certain instructions from the court.

Venezuela suspends the shipping order that caused the trouble with Holland and the Dutch government orders its warships to cease operations along the Venezuelan coast.

Prices again are very strong in Wall street, industrial leading in the large business both in stocks and bonds.

Knickknacker tea company arranges to extend its collateral notes and will probably resume dividends.

New fast freight service on Illinois Central and Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis brings markets of southwest nearer to Chicago.

Louis O. Koitz declines to stand for re-election as president of the Chicago Board of Underwriters, and caucus decides on C. N. Bishop for place.

IN POLITICS

The republican members of the Illinois delegation in the house have unanimously endorsed Joseph G. Cannon for re-election as speaker.

The recent admission of Senator Gore of Oklahoma to practice in the supreme court of the United States is believed to be the first instance of the admission of a sightless man to that bar.

Charles A. Korbly of Indianapolis, who defeated for congress the well-known Jesse Overstreet in the Seventh district of Indiana, is 27 years old, and will be one of the youngest members of the Sixty-first congress.

United States Senator McLaurin of Mississippi, whose term will expire March 4, 1913, will be opposed for re-election by ex-Governor Vardaman. The nomination, which is equivalent to an election, will be made in the primary election of 1911.

Friends of Governor R. B. Glenn of North Carolina believe that he may become a candidate for the nomination for congress in the Fifth district two years hence. The democratic nominee was defeated there this year by John M. Morehead, a republican.

Congressman Charles Landis, who was defeated for re-election in the Ninth Indiana district, has been selected by Senator Beveridge for collector of revenue in the Terre Haute district, which, next to Peoria, is the largest in the country.

## National Leaders Organized Labor Sentenced to Jail for Contempt of Court



Samuel Gompers



John Mitchell

## UP AND DOWN IN INDIANA

MARKET THEIR TOBACCO. Tobacco growers near Boonville are rapidly marketing their crops. The growers hold their grades first class. Independent buyers are waging a war with the association, and are paying a higher price for crops not in the pool than the pooled crops brought.

LEVY ASSESSMENT. President A. L. Faulkner of Hartford City, of the National Window Glass Workers' association, has levied an assessment of \$1 a week against all skilled workers employed in either the machine or hand-operated plans now operating until the strike is settled. This is in addition to the 2 per cent collected from their gross earnings each month.

HOW THEY WILL STAND. "What shall be the republican attitude toward the repeal of the county local option law?" is the question that is interesting the republican members of the house of representatives coming to Indianapolis for their meeting at the state house this afternoon to talk over the minority plan of action for the approaching session of the legislature.

MERCHANTS OFFER PLATFORM. About forty members of the state county clerks' and auditors' associations held a meeting at the Denison hotel, Indianapolis, yesterday afternoon for the purpose of discussing the Indianapolis Merchants' association's suggestions with reference to the establishment of a uniform system of accounting throughout the state.

MAY ESCAPE PROSECUTION. It was declared today in Princeton on good authority that if Henry E. Agar has money to make a fair settlement he need fear no prosecution at the hands of any of those who have lost through him with the possible exception of one or two surety and bonding companies.

UNCLE SAM GRIPS STITT. Claude D. Stitt, former deputy postmaster of Wabash, who has been sought by government authorities since his disappearance from Wabash a few days prior to Thanksgiving, came to Indianapolis yesterday in company with his brother, Paul Stitt, and gave himself over into the hands of United States Marshal Henry C. Pettit.

DON'T LIKE TABLE TDOCTOR. The bottle blowers of Gas City, near Marion, will taboo the "tablet" doctor. They propose to patronize only the doctors who give medicine in liquid form. The "tablet" doctor, they say, uses pasteboard boxes instead of bottles, and thus the demand for bottles is decreased. The Bottle Blowers' union adopted a resolution pledging its members to refrain from the use of medicine in tablet form.

DIES OF CONVULSIONS. The two-year-old daughter of Arthur Haines of Pittsburgh, Pa., died of convulsions at Goshen today after eating medicine which it took from the window sill at the home of Earl Haines, where Mr. and Mrs. Haines are visiting. Ignorant of the effects of the drug, the parents did not call a physician until the child was beyond help.

MRS. MOORE MAKES FINAL BOW. Mary A. Stubbs Moore, retired state statistician, makes her final official bow to the public in the issuance of the twelfth biennial report of the Indiana bureau of statistics, proof sheets of which she received from the printer yesterday. She suggests the passage of a law prohibiting, under heavy pen-

alty, the giving out of private statistical information collected by the bureau.

CIGAR STARTS A