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WHAT IS THE COURT GOING TO DO?

The temporary restraining order granted by the Federal Court enjoining Standard Steel Car strikers from interfering with men who desire to work in the Hammond plant was violated this morning.

If the city and county authorities are not able to prevent the scenes which transpired there this morning, then the Federal Court should guarantee other protection.

If the city authorities cannot keep order they should call upon the sheriff. A stern hand is needed at the Standard. There is no defense for foreigners who bloody up men going about their business. Any man who defends this sort of picketing is no friend of labor.

If a gang of foreigners and their women can intimidate and rush people who wish to pass into a factory, it was done in Hammond this morning, then it is time for this country to shut up shop.

We charge that the federal injunction was deliberately made a shame and a mockery this morning. It was figuratively spat on.

Must there be bloodshed in Hammond?

TIME FOR ACTION.

In the reports of the plans for starting a movement to lower the cost of living we find occasional references to views of "the different schools of thought" on the subject. As an indication of good faith in this movement one of the first acts should be to sidetrack all the "schools of thought" boys who, as usual, are rushing forward to tell "just what should be done." They would thrust in the academic where there is demand for the practical. They would approach this question in the same spirit in which they would take up the problem of "How old is Ann?" or tackle the squaring of a circle. Their report doubtless would be an elaborate system of figures and percentages for a model world by the end of this century instead of a program for immediate action to prevent hunger now. What is wanted now is men who do things.

There has been more than enough "thought" and "talk." The cost of living has been under continuous discussion since 1910. Nearly every city has had its "economic survey." The laws on the books and the bills introduced in congress, coupled with the methods pursued by business men and the statistics gathered by the government, show that it is known just what to do.

It is only a matter of doing it. This is no time for academic discussion. The public has had enough of "surveys" and "percentages" in this matter. Now let us get at it in a way to show that this movement means business.

IT CAN'T BE DONE.

Get firmly fixed in your mind this fact—that the United States cannot garner all the real money in the world, issue its own reserve bank currency to the limit,

establish a government price for labor and a government price for staple commodities, pay double for everything it buys with which to run a great war, scatter hard cash hither and yon with no regard for expense, divert a large part of its food products to foreign lands when they are needed at home and in like manner deal with many other things that enter into and make up the general economic situation and expect the cost of living to be low. With all profiteering, even with all profits eliminated, the cost of living would be high. Cheap money begets extravagance which, added to the increased cost of the things that cheap money must buy, makes the cost of living sufficiently a problem without intervention of causes with which economic conditions have nothing to do. Prosecution may wipe out some measure of the profiteering, but it will not change prices from the levels that are established by economic laws. Don't think it, for there is bound to be pain of disillusionment.—Fort Wayne News.

THE ACTORS' STRIKE.

The "walk-out" of the New York actors by which a number of theatres were abruptly closed, even after audiences had assembled, is the rather sensational and unique climax to a long climax between the player folk and the managers of the theatres. The "strike" is the culmination of an effort on the part of the actors for better working conditions and a more equitable contract, rather than for higher wages, although that perhaps is indirectly involved. As a sign of the times in a profession supposed to be devoted wholly to things artistic it reveals how thoroughly the theatre has been detached from its original moorings and become a thing of the shop and the bargain counter.

The injection of the moral issue into the controversy, the actors refusing to work longer on Sundays, loses even its possible value in the admission that objection to Sunday work is based wholly on the question of wages. The whole affair is an unfortunate reflection upon the present state of an institution that has been maimed and mauled into insensibility by greed, stupidity and misapprehension of its true mission. Whichever side in the present controversy may be right—and there is doubtless justice on both sides—the public in the end will be the sufferer.

SAVE FORESTS FROM DESTRUCTION.

Destruction by fire in the northwestern states of more than one hundred million feet of standing timber was at national calamity. It was a stern reminder that provision must be made for better protection of the forests from fire. To allow such a waste of natural resources is intolerable, and the nation will repent of its folly in days to come, in exorbitant lumber prices, shortage of material, and when the other ill effects of destruction of forests manifest themselves.

Lumber is already at record high levels and forest experts are telling us that through the ordinary processes of commercial exploitation our timber resources will be exhausted in a few years. The situation is alarming enough without adding to the seriousness of it by failure to prevent waste.

Timber destroyed cannot be replaced for many years and the reforestation movement in this country is still in its infancy. We are destroying our forests much faster than we are planting new ones and renewing old ones. The importance of planting trees for future use is not yet popularly realized in this country.

In the case of preventing forest fires, the old adage that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure is particularly applicable, for the cure is a matter of decades. Larger patrols and more modern methods must be introduced in the forest service. Airplanes have been used with success in California in locating incipient fires and in sounding the alarm in time to prevent the spread of the flames. If reports as to the value of the airplane to the forestry service are true, then that service should have a well equipped air branch.

If an augmented forestry service costs more money, it should not be forgotten that it will be more economical to pay for the protection and development of our natural resources now than to neglect them and wake up to find ourselves stripped of them a few years hence. And unless something more is done, it will not be long until we find ourselves as devoid of timber resources as some of the old countries, which have to import their supplies almost wholly.

THE humble market basket should not compete with aeroplanes in striving for new altitude records.

THE Bolshevik army in Hungary is said to be eager to fight, but no doubt it is more eager to eat.

FLYING looks easy and safe, but each day recounts its perils.

THE humble market basket should not compete with aeroplanes in striving for new altitude records.

THE fact is, we have eaten so many trunks.

AND so much bran since we got out of the hospital.

The Passing Show

WE saw a new ladies' garment yesterday and upon

INQUIRING in our gracious way what it was we were busily

INFORMED that it was none of our business as we would only

GO tell the neighbor women all about it.

THE world wasn't made in a day

BUT it has been unmade for many a man

IN a single night.

THE good ship *Tulsa* was christened with Oklahoma

CRUDE oil the other day in place of

CHAMPAGNE and we suggest that the next

INDIANA ship that slides down the ways

BE christened with a little

GOOD old petroleum from the Standard Oil Co.

WELL, if the old U. S. A. is twenty billion dollars in

DEBT and nobody seems the least bit worried

WE do not see why One Lung our smiling laundryman

SHOULD be so persistent in hanging around

FOR that \$2.14 he claims we owe him.

THE food prices are so steep that any day now

WE expect an ultimatum from the head of the house

THAT when we sit down to a meal of left-overs

THERE will be an extra charge.

THERE must be hewers of wood and drawers of water

AND everybody knows it.

BUT he wishes everybody else but himself

TO do the hewing and drawing.

AN ideal world would be one

IN which everybody had plenty

OF servants.

BUT who would be the servants of the servants

AND the servants of the servants of the servants?

NOBODY would mind work

IF he could get somebody else

TO do it for him.

A SWEETLY feminine bunch of loneliness

NEVER looks more lovely

THAN when she clenches her teeth, assumes a

JACK DEMPSEY attitude

STARTS to contract her biceps if any and

PROUDLY invites you to feel the muscle she has

ACQUIRED by playing tennis.

NOTHING makes an editor sicker than to

HEAR some slick individual who

GATHERS in from \$25,000 a year up

BELLYACHING about his income tax.

THE truth is that the ways of

SOME transgressors are pretty, soft and

THAT'S probably the reason

A LOT of pious folk insist on believing in the

OLD-FASHIONED hell.

THE fact is, we have eaten so many trunks.

AND so much bran since we got out of the hospital.

THE BOOB WITH A NEW SET OF FALSE TEETH WHO FORGETS TO COVER HIS MOUTH WITH A HANDKERCHIEF WHEN SNEEZING.

THAT we are going to appeal to our physician

AND say, "prither let's go back to castor oil."

THE other day we met a

MAN who was introduced to us as a great

SANITARY engineer

AND with our usual stupidity we

SEE one thing about him that was sanitary.

Men constantly criticize women's

DRESS because it is so ugly if isn't necessary.

TO go any further with it.

LATEST cause for divorce at our classic domicile when

WE remarked that "what we don't know won't

HURT us."

AND our lady love placidly retorted

"THEN you must be immune from all harm dear."

THE papers will probably be filed early next week.

ONE esteemed advertiser

ASKS us in large type how our

STENOGRAF

MEASURES up

AND we should imagine she's about a

26.

IT is for the pleasantest

LIFE when you don't have to put any of

YOUR friends to the test.

WE are just scared to death for fear a

CERTAIN woman is going down to the postoffice

AND buy about a carload of government squash and

HAWE is sent by parcel post.

Are you reading The Times?

MENU HINT.

Breakfast.

Grapefruit.

Fried Tomatoes.

Toast.

Cream Gravy.

Luncheon.

Baked Corn.

Lettuce Sandwiches.

Peach Dumplings.

Iced Tea.

Dinner.

Olivies.

Tomato Canape.

Baked Fish.

Creole Sauce.

New Potatoes.

Iced Cantalou