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THE BURDEN ON THE PEOPLE.

That the people pay was never better demonstrated than in the street car strike which has absolutely crippled transportation in Hammond, East Chicago and Whiting. Merchants complain about the heavy loss in business. There is little chance for people on the outskirts of these cities to get into town unless they walk and both they and the business men suffer in consequence. The burden of the strike of course falls on the worker who is employed at a distance from his home. It is to be fervently hoped that the obstacles to a speedy settlement of the vexatious problems figuring in the differences between the conflicting interests will be removed as soon as possible.

THE BUYER ON THE OFFENSIVE.

After all due allowance has been made for economic conditions which cause prices to rise, the mental attitude of the people plays an important part. While war was on, sellers readily excused an advance in price by saying "It is the war," and buyers as readily accepted the same. Having succeeded the first time, the seller was tempted to try it again, and then again. That has been the case in other countries as well as this one.

There comes a time when the consumer's power of endurance reaches exhaustion. He turns and strikes back. That time came in Italy when the people stormed the stores and put the merchants' goods on sale at half price. That it has come to this country is indicated by the protests of the railroad men against the race between wages and prices. To use military terms, the seller has been on the offensive and the consumer has made little, if any, defense. The time for a counter offensive has come, and the seller is called upon to defend the rise in prices. The spur of patriotism no longer is applied to the buyer, and the seller is required to give a good reason.

While no reasonable man expects an immediate return to pre-war prices, certain facts of the situation raise doubt whether further advances are justified; in fact, we may doubt whether a decline should not begin. Nearly all of the men who were withdrawn from production by the war have returned and are at work, and the abnormal demand for supply of the army has ceased. There is an unlimited demand in other countries for everything the United States can supply, but they lack means of transportation and the financial organization to procure what they want. It may be that when these deficiencies are supplied excess of demand over supply will warrant further advances, but a close watch should be kept over the course of prices. The profiteer is tempted when an advance of three cents is made to him, to make it five cents, and thus the original three cents grows like a snowball.

Often no organization is needed to make this action

general throughout any trade, for it is instinctive. But combination has given been the powerful sanction of the public by being used for war purposes, and the attorney general may be embarrassed by finding that he is called upon to attack combinations which have received the official blessing of the war industries board.

While too much should not be expected from legal proceedings against profiteers, the moral effect may be great. The people in general may be provoked to demand a good reason for higher prices, to oppose them actively and to seize every opportunity to escape them. A good weapon of defense is to produce more, even in one's own back garden, and to consume less of any but absolute necessities. Those whose wages have been raised during the war need to realize that the increase is more apparent than real. When purchasing power of money is considered, two dollars does not now represent much more than one dollar did five years ago, but the larger number of dollars tempts a man to indulge in luxuries with which he formerly dispensed. If a man regards a dollar as only 50 cents in purchasing power, he will be more apt to keep within his income and he will go a long way toward beating the profiteer.

SOMETHING MAY HAPPEN.

If the report of the state investigators who have been in Hammond to arrive at the fundamentals in the Standard Steel Car strike was made public, some people would be greatly shocked and disturbed. It was a striking arrangement of the situation from many standpoints. It is quite probable that when the report reaches the governor something will drop mighty hard in this locality.

YES, IT'S COMING.

The New York World threatens a revolution unless Congress continues to do the bidding of President Wilson. If the World will wait until November, 1920, it will experience the kind of revolution in this country which, in orderly, old-fashioned American styles, does and does governments. Bolshevik threats against Congress, demagogical outcry against conditions which have developed under this administration, by the very administration which has refused and neglected to correct them—the effort to load over on the new Congress responsibility for the state of things in the United States at the end of a long period of absolute domination by the administration; all this may be thought to be "smart" party politics, but it will not save the politicians in power from the drubbing at the polls they are now so frantically trying to avert, even to the point of suggesting a revolutionary coup d'état.

GOVERNMENTAL INEPTITUDE.

The sickening recurrence of outrages in Mexico in which Americans are victims is a distressing example of the way in which this mighty government truckles to the bewhiskered Carranza and his satellites. The capture of the U. S. aviators for whom Mexican bandits demand high ransom is merely another instance of the Mexican government's failure to protect our people and also of the reluctance with which our own government is disposed to take any action. Secretary Baker refuses to discuss the situation. He says he may have something to say later. And this has been going on ever since Mr. Wilson was elected president.

WON'T WORK BOTH WAYS.

There may be a good deal of truth in the suggestion that a large part of the increase in cost of living is a psychological result. Everybody is talking increased cost, thus stimulating every seller of goods to advance his prices in anticipation of further costs to himself. But it is doubtful whether general talk of reduced prices would stimulate much reduction.

ENCOURAGING FIGURES.

From many viewpoints, the business situation is encouraging in the extreme. According to Bradstreet's, building permits for June, 1919, were \$129,000,000 as compared with \$45,000,000 last year in 150 cities for which statistics were received. Bank clearings for the first seven months of 1919 were \$219,000,000,000 as compared with \$187,700,000,000 last year, or an increase of 16 per cent. Our balance of trade for the first half of 1919 is a billion dollars greater than for the first half of 1918. In addition to these favorable signs, the Republicans in Congress have put a check on the Socialistic tendencies of the White House and there is a promise of forced practice of economy in the governmental departments.

KING George is said to be in a dilemma over how to honor Lloyd George, who does not want to be made a peer. How would handing over the throne do?

The Passing Show

WE are always glad to sit down to MEAT croquettes at our house because we

KNOW then that we have REACHED the ultimate end of what

AS far as the genuine loafer is CONCERNED

THE real masters of the art live in the small towns

FORTUNE, it seems to us, is on the job about

ONE minute in 24 hours

WHILE misfortune is on the job every minute of the 24.

WE once knew a man who was SO busy admiring a four leaf clover he

FOUND at the edge of the sidewalk THAT he fell into a coal hole and was

BUT you can guess the moral for yourself.

IT looks as if when the railroad strike breaks there will be a

LOT of people all dressed up and no place to go.

HAPPINESS springs entirely from the heart

AND we can get all of that we want WHEN we think how some of our MIDDLEAGED friends

AND acquaintances without distinction as to sex

WOULD look while turning six somersaults

IN rapid succession

TO keep their blood pressure down as we could

OUT of a month at some famous springs

AT our kind employer's expense.

NEVER compliment a woman on her small feet

IF you do you are sure to learn THAT the shoes she is wearing

ARE just about a mile

TOO big for her.

WE never understood why a woman

wants TO sit down when she's on a street car anyway

BECAUSE if we had to wear a corset WE would prefer to stand up.

THE trouble with the political situation is THAT there are entirely too MANY politicians who regard their duty to their party

AS superior to their duty to their country.

ON the other hand

IF people never talked unless they had

SOMETHING to say, the conversation SURELY would drag.

AND the folks who voted dry SHOULD remember that a food headache

IS just as sinful as a BOOZE headache.

AMONG the feminine mysteries

IS how much time the wife of a man

VERY moderate circumstances

LIKE an editor for instance.

CAN spend at the dressmakers with how few

TANGIBLE results.

NOBODY knows what a day in this region

WILL bring forth

BUT one is safe in hazarding the guess

THAT there will be another strike or THREAT of one.

DID you ever notice that on the mornings

YOU do not have to go to work

YOU wake up early and can't go to sleep again

AND that on the mornings you have to

GO to work

YOU have an awful time getting awake?

Hints to the Housewife

By JOE PENNINGTON.

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time and labor for the housewife. The day of the household drudge is past. Look about you. Visit the shops to see what is being made for your benefit; and study the advertisements to see what the manufacturers are putting out that will save you time and trouble and money. Every day new devices appear. It's up to you to profit by the ingenuity of those who are working constantly on new ways to help you in your housekeeping.

CONVERTING A BEDROOM INTO A SITTING ROOM.

If you have a bedroom on the ground floor, alongside your living room or dining room or if you are a working woman and must live in a rooming house, you can easily turn the bedroom into a sitting room at a very small cost. If you want your bedroom to do double duty that is both night and day—you can easily do so. First of all, the bed itself must be eliminated; that is, it must not look like a bed. If it is a single iron one (as is usually the case) have a carpenter or plumber with a metal saw cut off the two ends, leaving only the legs, spring and mattress. If this is covered with a cretonne or a couch cover of any kind, it ceases to look like a bed and yet is far more comfortable than the ordinary couch. If you have a bureau with a mirror above it, unscrew the uprights holding the mirror and take the mirror out of them. Throw the uprights away. Hang the mirror from the mirror from the moulding with a easy silk cord and leave the dresser looking simply like a chest of drawers. You can repaint both the drawers and the mirror if you like; and it is even better if the mirror is hung elsewhere—say inside the closet door. Keep all brushes, toilet articles, etc., in the top drawer—and thus reduces the time of beating by half.

This list might be extended to include hundreds of devices for men have at last waked up to the importance of devising means of saving. HAROLD, DON'T YOU KNOW IT'S NOT NICE TO EAT CAKE BEFORE DINNER WHEN WE'VE GOT COMPANY!!

BUT GEE WHIZ, MARIENNE —

JUST LOOK AT ALL THE COMPANY WE'VE GOT!!!

THAT'S DIFFERENT!

THE SIMP WHO USES A LONG 'HOLDER' BECAUSE HE PROMISED HIS WIFE HE'D KEEP AWAY FROM CIGARETTES —

HANK and PETE

SHE ONLY HEARD PART OF THE STORY

By KEN KLING



ASSORTED NUTS



Bringing Up Bill

IN TOUGH LUCK—

A Task



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