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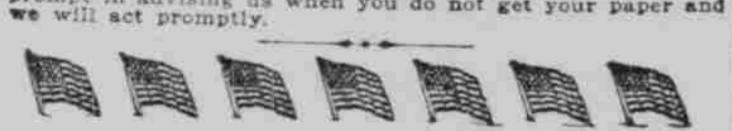
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DISCOURAGING NEWS.

Following close upon the heels of the Wilson letter refusing the demands of the railway shop craftsmen, which foreshadows the refusal of the railway brotherhood demands soon to be made, Judge E. H. Gary yesterday refused the demands of the iron and steel workers of the country.

If all reports are true, these refusals will be met by general strikes all over the country. It is not hard to prophesy what will follow, and it would take the sunniest optimist who ever lived to see a ray of sunshine in the situation.

The crucial period in American history was not the great war; it is the reconstruction period. The test has come. If ever the American workingman needed wise and conservative leaders it is now.

If a general strike situation is precipitated the steel industry will no doubt close its mills. If the railroad men go out trains will stop running and traffic will be paralyzed. If the steel plants close they will probably be closed for months.

And winter is coming on.

COMPLAISANT AMERICANS.

Some observers have commented on the phenomenon but for the most part it goes unnoticed that notwithstanding the general howl about the high cost of living the American people continue to pay whatever is demanded and get what they want to eat. Frequently it is proposed that some necessary article of diet, the price of which is believed to afford a particularly flagrant example of profiteering, be boycotted, the suggestion being supported by the not illogical argument that if the people quit buying the dealers will have to reduce prices in order to move goods and avoid heavy loss.

And there the business ends. We are grumblers, to be sure, but judged by our deeds, we are a complaisant people, taking things as they come and going along like sheep if we can stand it at all. We howl about our rights when it appears that they are threatened or withheld, but the philosopher is conscious of a doubt that we are convinced of injury suffered when he observes that we do nothing really practical about remedying the condition of which we complain.

At a popular seacoast resort where people of moderate means flock in the summer some of the hotel keepers have become so adept in making a little food go a great way that their "board" is a joke. A very serious joke, one says when first introduced to it. But it goes no farther than that. The present high cost of living has nothing to do with the system in question. In easier times it was the same. Portions of meats, vegetables and desserts are doled out so sparingly that one wonders the waiters have the nerve to place them before the guests. As for the latter, when first they see

the piece of roast beef, say, that is placed before them as the piece de resistance of what is denominated "dinner" they guffaw in spite of their indignation. Everyone of them who reads jokes is instantly reminded of the wartime humorous bit in which the restaurant waiter asked the customer, "How did you find your steak?" and the latter replied, "I moved a piece of potato and there it was underneath."

You would suppose that at these shore hotels the regular thing after meals would be indignation meetings on the porches with resolutions of protest adopted and committees appointed to wait on the proprietors and demand that full meals be served else the guests would leave. But there is nothing of the sort. Somehow the people manage to satisfy themselves, or else they are content with the reflection that soon they will go home and get a square meal. What grumbling they do is in whispers and, strangest of all, the records show that these people return to the same hotels year after year. Is not that like us Americans? What are any of us doing really to change the food price situation? Nothing at all, as a matter of fact. Possibly that is the reason that prices stay in the clouds. Evidently we are not actually deprived of food. Would we be so complaisant if we were?

PIE AND BOLSHEVISM.

It's a pretty good old world after all. Recently we dallied editorially with the delights of the Antioch red raspberry pie and recommended it as a panacea for bolshevism. We defied a man with his teeth between a section to think of anything else for some time but red raspberry pie, and it seems we shot an arrow into the air and brought down pie. From the days when as a general in the U. S. A. he used to do sentry duty at old Fort Constitution in the White Hills up to the time when he brought up printer's devils in the way they should go, and many a cub of them he trained, old Bill Leslie knew of the editorial weakness for the things of the flesh, and when his eyes glimmed the pie screed he fled himself to the place where they grow and dispatched some delectable samples that made life worth living. Bill is the newspaper genius who always opens a newspaper at the editorial page, then turns to sports and then to general news. His theory is that if a news paper has a bright, snappy editorial page it is worth reading; if it hasn't, it isn't, and what he doesn't know about newspapers and red raspberry pie isn't worth knowing. Perhaps we have said too much about the pie for the Antioch man has so many friends here that they will be sending the S. O. S. for pie the first thing he knows.

GERMANY'S FUTURE.

Hindenburg has said one true, wise thing, anyway. He told the students of Goettingen university: "Germany's future lies in the young generation. They must work to build the nation up again."

So they must, if Germany is to have any future worth speaking of. They must build up what the older generation, headed by Hindenburg and his fellow-militarists, tore down. They must be saner, kinder, fairer, more honorable than their fathers and grandfathers. They must work constructively, for the triumphs of peace, instead of destructively, for the triumphs of war.

And the Allies are helping them to that end, by the very severity of the peace terms imposed. With an army and navy forbidden, with baby-killing Zeppelins and bombing planes under a ban, with the German general staff abolished, and with the criminals who wrecked Germany punished for their efforts to wreck other nations, that younger generation will have a chance to work out a fairer destiny and redeem their country.

AS the European countries that are clamoring for American coal have bountiful supplies of their own underground, there is a more or less general idea over here that they should dig their own coal or suffer the consequences.

STEUBENVILLE, O., having liquor to the market value of \$11,000 stored in the city jail, is taking no chances on the security of the structure. Therefore an armed guard stands over the stuff. The incentive of thirst is feared.

THE former kaiser in purchasing a house in Holland may settle down to be a regular Dutchman and wear wooden shoes.

FORTUNATELY John Barleycorn is restrained from contributing to the mob spirit.

A JERSEY BULL brought \$65,000 at auction on a New York farm this week. Some bulls are even more costly.

FAMOUS SISTINE CHAPEL CHOIR FROM VATICAN WILL TOUR U. S.



Members of Sistine Chapel choir photographed on arrival in Boston. To right: Luigi Centilli, Ezio Cecchini, Don Santos Auguste and Alberto Cauretti.

These members of the world-renowned Sistine Chapel choir of the Vatican at Rome arrived recently in Boston. In company with more than sixty other famous singers from Rome they will shortly tour the United States and Canada.

The Passing Show

FRIEND wants to know where "we would be if the laws were

STRICTLY enforced?"

OH, in jail with everybody else, we suppose.

A NICE little government bulletin

FOR which we are more than grateful

SAYS that whale meat is especially palatable

IF we find the neighbor women

HALF-WAY decent about it, the probability is

THAT next spring will find us

RAISING whales in our war garden

IN place of grubby radishes and

WORMY cabbages.

DON'T pay any attention to what

OTHERS say about you

BUT when they begin to do things about

YOU IT'S time to sit up

AND take notice.

IF Mr. Henly had been writing these days he would have made it

CORPORAL of his soul instead of captain.

WE cannot see why the farmers

MADE so much fuss about the extra

HOUR of daylight for it

GAVE them an extra hour to think

ABOUT \$2.56 wheat.

WE notice that not a few keep writing

TO the beauty editor

COMPLAINING that the calves of

their legs are

TOO large round and eagerly

INQUIRING what to do for the effect

AND as we note them climbing into their

ELECTRIC limousines

WE can figure out who has been doing

AS would be that of the barber

WHO joined the Bolsheviks.

WELL, putting all that boiled beef and

TIN WILLIE on the market

HAS not reduced the cost of living very

MUCH as we knew it wouldn't.

CHILDREN are happy

BECAUSE they don't know any better

AND it probably would be as well

IF others were happy for the same reason.

THEIR writing

WITHOUT stretching the imagination very much.

AS we said before we always try to

LEARN one new thing every day

AND what we learned yesterday was that if

ONE wishes to preserve the esteem

WHICH a girl friend feels for one as one naturally

DOES one should not ask her

AS she comes hobbling along in her new skirt

HOW she likes her new slip-cover.

SOMETIMES it seems to us in our more

EXCITED moments that it

WOULD be a good thing to turn the railroads

OVER to the railroad men and let them

DO what they want with them

DOUBTLESS that might satisfy them.

THE captured rat was never

VERY much in favor of traps.

WE refuse to credit the report

THAT our Chinese laundryman has

JOINED the I. W. W.

WE do not believe the story at all

SUCH a course would be just as absurd

AS would be that of the barber

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SHOPMEN CRAFTS SEE GOVERNOR

Are Pleased at Goodrich Attitude on State Mediation Commission They Seek.

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 27.—Governor Goodrich was urged yesterday by a delegation representing the federated six crafts of the railroad shopmen's union to establish a state mediation commission that member would serve without compensation. After the conference members of the delegation declared they were pleased with the attitude of the Governor relative to plans to solve the present industrial unrest.

While members of the delegation asserted that they were against any form of law breaking by industrial workers and denounced the destruction of property by strikers, they declared that they believed that the calling out of state militia only added fuel to the fire. It was their belief that troops should not be dispatched to strike zones until an investigation had been made by a mediation commission. If the question involved could not be settled by the commission and the strikers persisted in the destruction of property, then it would be enough to quell the disturbance with troops, they told the Governor.

F. S. Galloway, 301 South Holmes avenue, chairman of the federated meetings during the recent shopmen's strike in Indianapolis, headed the delegation. Speaking for the other members, Mr. Galloway said the railroad men deplored lawlessness and that they came to the Governor in the spirit of cooperation in the hope of suggesting a plan that would stabilize the labor unrest in the state and establish industrial peace.

The delegation was appointed at a meeting of the union Saturday. Mr. Galloway said, when reports were received from Hammond that the strikers there were quiet, it was the sense of the delegation that there was no need for sending state troops to Hammond at great expense to the state when local officials should have been able to handle the situation.

The Governor told the men that there

was a statute in Indiana enacted in 1899 providing for the establishment of a mediation commission composed of one representative of labor and one representing employers. The governor said he would inquire at the office of the Indiana attorney general whether the law was still in force. Such a commission, he said, had been appointed under a former administration, but had not proved successful.

Mr. Stansbury, upon investigating acts of 1899, found it had been repealed by the enactment of the industrial board law in 1915. The Governor said he would hold another conference with railroad representatives in event he found a way to appoint a mediator body. He assured the delegation that he was ready at all times to do anything for the benefit of all concerned.

The governor was told, by the members of the delegation that should be sent fit to appoint any member of the federated six crafts