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PROFITEER IS H. C. L. CAUSE, SAYS FARMER

Samuel A. Moore, Wayne County Man, Gives Views on Cost Reasons—Others Give Opinions.

TO STRIKE IS DISASTER

Farmers of this and adjacent counties are telling their side of the production problem in many letters received by the Palladium. A number follow:

SAMUEL A. MOORE—The shortage of labor cuts no figure in this section of the country. With the present lines of machinery, and co-operation with his neighbors, the farmer is able to care for all he can grow.

But, the profit on his labor and products stares him in the face as a "nightmare." He looks through "a glass darkly." Not "face to face."

We are at present feeding 20 hogs for the market. With middlings \$66 per ton, tankage \$11 per ton and corn \$1.65 per bushel and the price of hogs (we do not know, do you,) this puts us in a class with the gambler.

Farmer is Gambling.

The farmer is a gambler. He has to bet, with his "cards face down." Pays if he wins, and pays if he loses. This is the situation in which we farmers find ourselves, and then the question, why?

I am classing the farmer as a producer. He is the "salt of the earth." One of the main causes of the situation is that profiteers. He stands between the producer and the consumer. He scrapes the producer and bleeds the consumer. He is a leech! a parasite! There are some of his breed most everywhere.

To illustrate, he (profiteer) bought from the producer tomatoes at \$1 per bushel, retailed them to shopmen consumers) at 5 cents per pound. A profit of 200 per cent and the consumer blames the producer for H. C. L. I do not care to spread any salt this morning. I will call the retailer the profiteers. He is one of the great factors that is swinging us into a condition that seems intolerable.

The Part of Politics.

Another cause of these conditions is petit (little) politics by petit politicians. They seem windy. Want to have their way or no way at all. It was said that Nero fiddled while Rome burned. Have we Neros still? These factors and others are fast goading the farmer into a condition that demands relief.

He has threatened to strike. Is he in a position to command a strike? If so, it will be unlike any other strike we have ever witnessed in history. He can cut production to a minimum. Only produce enough for his own needs. This would cause a very drastic situation.

People cannot eat the ground. National disaster would inevitably come. Hunger dethrones reason! Hunger knows no law! Will the farmer strike? Will he curtail production while thousands of people of all nations are holding out their hands and begging for bread? I hope not! I am no pessimist.

His Solution.

I may be a little phlegmatic. I want to see things on their best side. It looks better. We are looking forward to a change of conditions which mean better things. We believe that collective bargaining, both by producer and consumer is going to show results. It is bound to come. Then the profiteer will have this thumb to suck.

Collective selling and collective buying will swing prices toward each other. Work prices, labor costs, etc., cost on products. We are planning larger production for 1920 than ever. Let's all make a strong pull together. Let's have someone who can handle a "big stick" and a square deal.

Kick that petit politician under the table and then kick him after he is under. Choke the profiteer until he is white in the face, then black one eye. Double up that "scrap of paper" upon which the plan of the league of nations is written, and consign its ridiculous contents to the junk heap. Make peace with Germany along sane lines. Be Americans for America and then we will have America for Americans! Go to work!

MERRITT NICHOLSON—There will be a general curtailment of production of all farm products because of low prices of products, due to the agitation of persons of the city and union labor for the lowering of the H. C. L., who are wholly unfamiliar with the facts pertaining to the high cost of production of farm products, and a general scarcity of labor. Farmers can not and will not produce food at a loss and until the consumers are ready to pay a fair market price to the producer, there will continue to be a curtailment of production.

ALMOND OSBORNE—The reason things are in the condition they are, is that union labor is one great cause. They want shorter hours and more pay. Also the capital and profiteering. Another great reason is riding in the automobile. They do not produce but spend most of their time riding around. They depend upon buying rather than to produce. The only remedy is for the government to take a hand or for a regular panic.

JOHN M. MANNING—We expect to produce as much this year as in any normal year—so will the average farmer. All this talk about non-production is bungo. The farmers of this community are still sane and know that to live they must help others to live. The continual cry for shorter hours and more pay has given everything a false measure of value. Some day, however, folks will have to learn to mete as it is measured unto them.

H. T. KING—The wheat acreage in this community was cut down 25 per cent last fall, and from present prospects the farmer would be ahead, if

Jazz Policewoman



Miss Dorothy Doyle as she appears in the police jazz band.

Miss Dorothy Doyle plays the banjo, sings and dances in concerts given by the New York police aviation squadron's jazz band, which is in big demand in the east. The five men and two women in the band are studying to become police aviators.

HENRY CO. FARMERS PROTEST LIGHT LAW

NEWCASTLE, Ind., Feb. 18—Farmers of Henry county have voiced a strenuous protest against the recent action of the Newcastle city council in passing a daylight saving ordinance ordering clocks moved back one hour. The plan was favored by a majority of Newcastle business men and manufacturers, but the farmers of the county have asked for its immediate repeal.

A meeting of representatives of the Henry county Farm federation and the business men of Newcastle will be held next Monday at which time a compromise, which would eliminate the disagreeable features of the ordinance will be sought. Farmers of the county have asked that the factories of Newcastle begin work at 5:30 each morning, instead of 6:30 and let the clocks remain as they are now.

Difficulties arising from trying to regulate farm work to agree with the city time will cause much loss to the farmers, according to members of the federation, whereas, if the factories start work an hour earlier, there will be no difference in the results obtained, but at the same time the farmers will be able to arrange their work more satisfactorily.

War's Hero Was Private, Says Dan Morgan Smith: Appeals for Law-Order

The hero of this war was not the colonel, or general, but the common soldier, and were I to erect monuments, they would be to him," said Dan Morgan Smith, former Lieutenant colonel, speaking to a crowded house in the Grace M. E. church Tuesday night.

Colonel Smith detailed his experiences in the war, and told the story of the 358th battalion, commonly called the battalion of death, which he commanded.

In closing his talk, which was under the auspices of the Anti-saloon league, he made appeal for a law-abiding citizenship.

"The vital issue today is not the saloon, it is the support of the constitution of the United States," he said. He appealed for support of the anti-saloon league.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wyckoff Dies at Home in Oxford

OXFORD, O., Feb. 18.—Mrs. Elizabeth Hancock Wyckoff, wife of Alfred Wyckoff, retired farmer, and mother of Stanley Wyckoff, food commissioner of Indiana, died here yesterday after an illness of several weeks.

She was born in this county 82 years ago and had lived in this vicinity all her life. She was the oldest living member of the alumnae of the Western College for Women, having entered that institution in 1856, the year after it opened.

Weather Forecast

For Indiana by the United States Weather Bureau—Snow flurries in East, fair in West portion, colder tonight; Thursday partly cloudy, with evening temperature.

Today's Temperature.

Now 29
Yesterday 40
Maximum 40
Minimum 21

For Wayne County, by W. E. Moore

Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; colder tonight, probably an occasional snow.

General Conditions—The storm which was indicated yesterday, caused snow over the central states, and over the lake regions. The cold wave over Lake Superior will cause the temperature to fall below freezing tonight. In the center of the cold wave, the temperatures were 20 and 30 below zero. Temperature will moderate here some time during Thursday.

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ALLY NOTE REACHES PRESIDENT; MAY NOT BE MADE PUBLIC

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The reply of the Allied supreme council at London to President Wilson's note on the Adriatic situation was received today at the state department from Ambassador Davis, and was decoded as fast as it came in.

It was announced officially that the reply would not be made public at this time and it was indicated that not even a summary of it would be given out. Publication of the reply has been left by the council to President Wilson, according to London dispatches, but the council expected to give the press a summary of its contents.

While waiting for the note to be decoded, officials noted from the London dispatches that the reply was said to have been a modification of the original one prepared last Saturday.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The reply of the supreme allied council to President Wilson's note relative to the Adriatic settlement has been coded and forwarded to Washington by the American embassy here. Announcement has been made that the question of making public the text of the reply will rest with Mr. Wilson.

It is understood the communication sent to the American capital objects to a reopening of the Adriatic question. It is said to declare that circumstances exist which prevent Premiers Lloyd George, Nitti and Clemenceau from giving the virtual ultimatum to Yugoslavia in January could not be ignored, and the president, it is asserted, in told the decisions reached last December, to which Mr. Wilson adhered in his note, will be carried out if Mr. Wilson will indicate the way this may be done.

While reports emanating from Paris to the effect that the council modified and softened the tone of the first draft of this reply to Mr. Wilson are denied, it is said the message handed to Ambassador John W. Davis for transmission to Washington is not identical with the one agreed upon by Premiers Lloyd George and Millerand at their first meeting subsequent to the arrival of the American president's memorandum.

Teachers' Pension Liable To Income Tax, Is Ruling

Former teachers, part of whose income is derived from pensions, can not have those pensions exempted from income tax obligations, according to a ruling of the state income tax officials. It is explained that since teachers' pensions are derived from three sources, namely, state appropriations, donations and dues of various sorts, there is no reason to exempt them from taxation under the income tax law. Salaries of teachers on the other hand, being provided by taxation, are exempt.

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American and French Officers to Interchange

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Arrest of Albert Lauer, secretary-treasurer of Briggs & Turivas, a steel working, advertising and contracting company, on charge of handling a \$15,000 bribe to a federal income tax collector, marked the opening of national tax investigations which are centered in Chicago. C. F. Clyburn, federal district attorney, said today.

Mr. Lauer spent the night in jail after efforts of other members of his company to provide bond of \$30,000 failed. Internal revenue department officials estimated the tax of the Briggs & Turivas company would approximate \$150,000.

Lauer's arrest came after Charles Callner, a revenue collector, laid on \$10,000 and \$500 denominations, with the statement: "That's half of it. Lauer was to give me the full amount when the falsified income tax returns were successfully put through the internal revenue department."

"This is one case of a huge general swindle of the government," Mr. Clyburn said. "It may as well be known now that the government is centering its national tax investigations here and intends to continue its inquiry until the books of every firm under suspicion have been audited."

The exchange of French and American officers will be continued at regular intervals in order to allow as many as possible to benefit by the military experience of the other country.

An agreement for a similar exchange of officers between the British and American armies on the Rhine also has been concluded and the exchange will begin in the near future.

Benny Kauff Charged With Stealing Auto

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COAL STRIKE HEARINGS TO CONCLUDE TODAY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Hearings before the coal strike settlement commission probably will be concluded today. Dr. Harry A. Garfield who resigned as fuel administrator after disapproving the compromise by which the miners were induced to return to work was invited to tell the commission the intent of the settlement with special reference to whether the 14 per cent wage increase he agreed to was to be absorbed by the operators or the consumers.

MUSICIANS OF BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA STRIKE

BOSTON, Feb. 18.—Players of the Boston Symphony Orchestra have made a joint request for increased wages, and have taken steps toward joining the musician's union. The wage request, involving an annual advance of approximately \$100,000, has been refused.

GERMANS ASK TRADE IN ITALY.

ROME, Feb. 18.—Eight German repre-

Have Hard Tasks



Dr. Kerokove de Denterchen, above, and Otto Landsberg.

What are probably the two most difficult diplomatic assignments in the service of any country today are now being filled by Otto Landsberg and Dr. Kerokove de Denterchen. Landsberg has been named new German chargé de affaires to Belgium by the German government and Dr. de Denterchen has been named Belgian ambassador to Berlin. Because of the way in which Germany violated Belgium's neutrality and then ruthlessly slain Belgians and devastated the country, the two nations are the bitterest enemies made by the world war.

Under the wage provision, the drafting of which created more surprise in congress than any other change made in compromising the Esch bill of the house and the Cummins bill of the senate, pay of railroad workers would be stabilized at the present levels for several months after the rail properties are returned to private control and operation.

The bill as reported today also seeks

to stabilize rates for the same time, providing that prior to Sept. 1, no rates may be reduced unless approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission is obtained.

Union Men Call Meeting.

In the belief that a wage commission would be empowered to take up their demands, the 14 railroad union heads have called a conference to be held here beginning Monday to discuss the policy to be adopted in dealing with such a commission.

To ascertain if the railroad executives would agree to turning over the wage controversy to such a commission, director General Hines has requested a committee of railroad officials to confer with him here tomorrow.

Chairman Esch, of the house managers, announced today that the conference would be taken up in the house Saturday, and Chairman Cummings, of the senate managers, expects to call it up in the senate at a later date.

Despite the expected opposition to the new wage section, Republican leaders of both the house and the senate expressed belief that the conference report would be adopted and the bill sent to the president with little change.

Must Arbitrate Disputes.

The outstanding points of the measure as finally agreed upon are:

Compulsory submission of labor disputes to a permanent federal board appointed by the president and composed of nine members equally divided between the employers, employees and the public. No provision is made for enforcing the board's decision.

Adjustment of rates by the Interstate Commerce commission so as to

yield carriers a return of 5 1/2 per cent on the aggregate value of their property with another half of one per cent for improvements.