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Senate Strikes

The working man has been criticised and even condemned by the public for striking in an effort to better his lot and gain a few of the things his critics enjoy as an inherent right. Strange as it may seem, the working man has had to fight for his rights from Runnymede in 1215 right on down to the present time. His voice was ignored when children labored long hours in the cotton mills and when men went many months in the coal mines without seeing the light of day. It is indeed unfortunate that the rise of labor has been marked by disturbances and even by bloodshed. Much of the blood lost can be charged to those who would not hear the cries of pleading humanity and who denied the common masses the privileges and opportunities provided under the American Constitution.

The public has been ready to condemn the worker, and while many of the practices involved in labor disputes and strikes are to be regretted, there is another side to be considered. Last week the Lackawanna plant of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation was closed by strike. The plant was reopened and work on defense was resumed within forty-eight hours. An official defense bulletin recently said that all the time lost by strikes in the defense program would hardly average two hours for each worker.

Now turn to the Congress of the United States. Some declare that the delay in the passage of the all-important lease-lend bill is due to democratic processes, but to the masses and especially the common laboring man it has the appearance of the nation's No. 1 strike. If a laboring man's time is so important to defense, then why not listen to his appeals? If defense is so important just now then who doesn't the Congress of the United States act itself?

While labor is possibly burdened with faults, isn't it equally true that others are burdened with faults?

It is a strange fate, but countless thousands are in the ranks of labor today whose forebears fought directly or indirectly labor reforms in years gone by. Who knows but what the sons and daughters, too, of those who oppose today the rights, the just rights of labor, will be subjected to the ruthless rule of inhuman slave drivers before even another decade is recorded in the annals of history?

No More Fear And Uncertainty

Just a short year or two ago when Uncle Sam was trying to help suffering humanity and the national debt was looming bigger and bigger with the turn of each new fiscal year, fear and uncertainty froze the assets of the investing public. A report just released states that for the 20th successive week loans to business by reporting member banks of the Federal Reserve System showed a weekly gain, which is taken to mean that business activity is increasing.

Two years ago when it was a question of spending money for the relief of the unemployed and of suffering humanity, we hesitated, claiming that an unbalanced budget was spreading fear and uncertainty. The same budget-unbalanced a few years ago is remembered only as a word in Washington today, but fear and uncertainty apparently have disappeared, and it is apparently all right with those who were frightened a few years ago to spend more and more.

There is no cause to fear an unbalanced budget when the money is being spent in relieving suffering humanity and to preserve freedom for a democracy-loving people.

If it had not been man's inhumanity to man back yonder when millions were in need, the stalemate in production and consumption never would have threatened our economy as it did for years. But men valued their machines and considered profits ahead of humanity, and hunger, unrest, disunity, the growth of the isms followed. The war apparently has brought us closer together in that when all of our necks are about to be severed from our bodies we are ready to forget about an unbalanced budget and fear and uncertainty and tackle the job at hand.

Three Plans For Farm Youth

It is easy to find something wrong with almost everything . . . and farm life is no exception. Many leaders and speakers frequently talk about what is wrong with farming but some never suggest improvements.

Not long ago, however, I attended a meeting where 100 farm boys and girls were discussing their problems and this group was different. Only a small part of the talk was on what was wrong; most of the time was spent in discussing ways to make conditions better. Using their own communities as examples, they would explain why a plan would or would not work. Then three lines of progress were decided on:

(1) These boys and girls decided that through club work they could develop their minds and learn more about living and dealing with people. (2) They were convinced that their high school subjects ought to fit them for life on the farm or whatever they were most interested in doing. (3) It was decided that young people in any community could improve themselves by taking a more active interest in church work. —Uncle P. F." in The Progressive Farmer.

Little Left

After paying a 25 billion dollar crime bill, a 180 million dollar bill chargeable to tuberculosis, a bill ranging in the billions for the care of the insane, the weak, the maimed, the blind and the helpless, a 10 billion bill for defense and many billions for doubtful entertainment, there is little left with which to build for the future posterity of this country.

A day never passes without our grumbling about costs. But have you ever heard of anyone who did or wanted to do anything about it? There may be a few pleading for action, but their pleas are drowned in the din and rush characteristic of a mad world.

If Britain Were Defeated?

Roanoke Rapids Herald.

Certainly it would mean that:

1. Austria would remain a vassal state of Germany, and so would Czechoslovakia, and Norway, and the Netherlands, and Belgium, and occupied France, and Great Britain.

2. Poland would cease to exist as a European state.

3. The former German colonies in Africa would be reoccupied.

4. All shipyards, factories, raw materials, and foodstuffs in the vassal countries would be taken by Germany.

Probably it would mean that:

1. The unoccupied part of France would be occupied and become a vassal state.

2. A like fate would overtake Sweden (for its iron and industry), Spain (for its raw materials and food lands), Portugal (for its Atlantic ports), Rumania (for its oil and wheat), Greece (for its Mediterranean ports), Bulgaria and Turkey (to outflank Russia), Arabia, Iraq, and Persia (for oil, the Suez Canal and the Red Sea).

3. All of Africa would be in vassalage to Germany (for its raw materials).

4. Italy would become a vassal state (too weak to be a partner).

5. The entire Mediterranean Sea would be controlled by Germany.

6. Certain strategic Atlantic islands would be occupied by Germany (Azores, Canaries, Cape Verde Islands and Madeira).

7. Eire would be made a vassal state (for its strategic position against America).

8. All European and African peoples except Germans would lose their religious, political and economic freedom.

9. Culture would be largely destroyed in Europe (purge of literature, education and art).

10. China would be defeated by Japan.

11. The Dutch, English, and French possessions in and near Asia, including British India, would be taken over by Japan.

12. Australia and New Zealand would be occupied by Japan.

13. A simultaneous attack upon Russia would be made by Germany and Japan.

14. The Ukraine, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia and Finland would fall to Germany.

Possibly it would mean that:

1. Japan would seize the Philippines.

2. South America would turn to Germanized Europe to barter its wheat, oil, copper, tin, wool and meat for manufactured products produced by impressed labor, on terms with which the United States could not compete.

3. German domination of South and Central America and Mexico would inevitably follow.

4. Supplies of rubber, tin, manganese, etc., would be denied the United States by Japan and Germany except upon their own terms.

5. A vast naval construction program would be undertaken in all of Europe's shipyards.

6. It would be necessary for the United States and Canada to build and maintain a super-navy, super-army, and super-air force. These and their upkeep would bankrupt America and make universal military training a continuing necessity.

In view of these considerations what should America do in its own interest? Obviously see to it that Britain is not defeated.

The bill to aid the Allies has passed the House and is now before the Senate. Write every U. S. Senator whose stand is uncertain to vote for the Lend-Lease Bill.

Republican leaders would like to get rid of Mr. Willkie, but they're afraid he might carry too many voters along with him.—Elkin Tribune.

Spiritual Mastery

By BERNARD T. HURLEY
Pastor, Methodist Church

As we enter the lenten season we are reminded that millions of Christians throughout the world are turning their thoughts towards the higher values of life, the things of the spirit that abide under all conditions and endure throughout the vicissitudes of time and place. While it is true that this season which has been set apart for spiritual meditation, self-examination, and self-denial by the Christian Church has been abused, misused, and neglected by many, yet, the true purpose and intent of the observance of Lent remain, namely, the mastery of the spirit over the physical. It is heartening to know that in these days of so much emphasis over the material side of life, and the drift toward paganism on the part of many, that the Christian leaders of our land are emphasizing the necessity of re-examining our faith and a stricter adherence to know that this emphasis is not upon mere denominationalism, but upon Christian living.

Fresh from the waters of baptism Jesus was led of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. This temptation was not a make-believe temptation. It was a real trial of his soul, or else it had no meaning for him, nor does it have any meaning for us: It can hardly be conceived that his temptations were in the nature of inducements or enticements of the tempter to get him to commit evil of the baser sort, that is, of the flesh, but it is rather that of the spirit. For forty days and nights Jesus fasted and prayed. There was a great struggle going on there in the wilderness. He was clearly conscious of the fact that the spiritual destiny of his race depended upon him. How was he to accomplish this great task? What method must he use? These were doubtless the thoughts that were paramount in his mind. The three temptations that came to Jesus were to use his power as the Son of God to win the people to him by meeting the popular demands of the people. Let us notice the nature of each.

1. "If Thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread." "If You are what You claim to be," says the devil tauntingly, "use Your power to meet the elemental physical need of the people." Jesus was not going to prostitute his public holds them in his hands. No, Jesus was not going to prostitute his power in any such manner, but answers the tempter by declaring an eternal truth, "Man shall not live by bread alone." The need of humanity is greater than the need for physical bread. His mission was to give them bread for their souls.

2. The second temptation was to do something spectacular and thereby demonstrate his messiahship. The devil suggests that he jump from the pinnacle of the Temple to the ground, that he would suffer no harm, and in so doing the people will say, "The Messiah has come, the Messiah has come." To this suggestion Jesus turned a deaf ear. He did not wish to win the people to him by such showmanship. He had the power to do it, but it was the wrong way of manifesting himself to the world. His appeal must be to the spirit, not to the flesh.

3. The third temptation of Jesus was to meet the most desired need of all the Jewish people, and, too, the devil here discloses his real purpose. Here it is in effect, "Meet the popular belief of the Jews concerning the nature and purpose of the Messiah. Be a political Messiah. Announce your purpose to deliver the Jewish people from the power of Rome, and the whole nation will flock to your standard. Behold the glory of political conquest. I will give you all the glory that goes with conquering the cities that lie out yonder in your vision, if—(What price, glory!)—if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus indignantly said to the devil, "Get thee hence, Satan, for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve."

After Jesus had withstood the terrible onslaughts of the devil, who persistently endeavored to persuade him to carry on his life's work on the plane of physical and material need, which was plausible and good, but of itself alone would come to naught and ultimately defeat his real mission on earth, angels came and ministered to him. Here Jesus won for himself mastery of the Spirit, and for us the possibility of the same. Here he whipped his humanity into right relationship with his higher spiritual nature. From him we learn that we, too, can master our human nature and bring it into submission to the Spirit of God that is within us. Such mastery comes, however, only through faith, prayer and self-denial. The choice of Jesus was the way of the cross, the hard way, but in making this choice and following it through to the end, he has made possible all the good that the world has had in both the realms of the physical and spiritual and life everlasting.

CHURCH NEWS

METHODIST

Church school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m. Rev. B. B. Slaughter, district superintendent, will preach, and hold the second quarterly conference.
Epworth league, 6:45 p. m.
Evening service, 7:30 p. m.
Mid-week prayer service, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

CHRISTIAN

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m. Subject, "The Great Enlistment."
Young Peoples meeting, 6:30 p. m. Subject, "The Grace of Christ, the Son."
Evening service, 7:30 p. m. Subject, "The Attractive Man from Galilee."
Junior choir, 7:15 p. m. and Senior choir, 8 p. m. Monday.
Prayer service, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., the study of the fourth chapter of Acts.

The Senior Philathea Bible Class of the Williamston Bible School will hold its regular monthly meeting on Friday evening, March 7th, at 8 with Mrs. R. W. Bondurant, its president.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

2nd Sunday in Lent.
Collect
Almighty God, Who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
Church school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.
Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 p. m.
Study class on the Migrant problem at 4 o'clock Monday.
Family prayer, Tuesday at five o'clock.
Litany, Wednesday night at 8:00.

The Rev. Lewis Schenk, of St. Thomas' Church, Windsor, will be the speaker.
Thursday at 10:30 a. m., Celebration of the Holy Communion.
Friday at 5:00 p. m., Evening service with junior choir.

Piney Grove Baptist
Regular services will be held at the Piney Grove Baptist Church on Saturday and Sunday at 11 o'clock. We invite the public to come and worship with us.

BAPTIST

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m.
Baptist Training Union, 6:30 p. m.
Evening worship, 7:30 p. m. A special musical service has been arranged for the evening hour.
"For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness." Psalm 84:10.

PRESBYTERIAN

The regular services will be held at all points this Sunday. The Rev. John Smith, of Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, will speak at most of the services.

THE LETTER-BOX

To The Editor:

Some few weeks ago, Mr. P. P. Peel had an article in your paper headed, "A thief in our midst." Well, I read the article with interest as did a number of other people. I can't understand either, why someone would stoop so low as to steal a carton of cigarettes from this good-natured man. He is very nice to the down and outer. He keeps the best fire you can find in town, good seats, tables and lights for you to write your friends. In the summer it is cool inside and he has plenty of ice water freely given by his clerks. I guess he has given away more ice water than any other man in Martin County unless it is Lindsley Ice Company.

I personally have lain and dreamed of those large mugs of ice water he handed out to the thirsty and I am sure I have drunk enough water out of his fountain to float a small schooner. I have wondered if he was not the inventor of ice water. I hope he lives a long time to keep the boys a fire.

Yours very truly,
Teddy Jackson,
Asheville, N. C.

DR. V. H. MEWBORN
OP-TOM-E-TRIST
Please Note Date Changes
Robersonville office, Scott's Jewelry Store, Tuesday, March 11.
Williamston office, Peele's Jewelry Store, every Wed., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Plymouth office, Womble Drug Store, every Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Eyes Examined—Glasses Fitted
Tarboro Every Saturday.

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