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LABORERS ATTITUDE TOWARD THE CHURCH

William Green, of the American Federation of Labor, was outspoken in his opinions of the spiritual and duties of the Church as regards the institution of Labor. He is hopeful that Labor recognizes the power of the Church to regenerate the lives of those who toil. And this is true of more than 3,000,000 tradesmen and tradeswomen in the United States has struck a responsive chord in the hearts of the American people when he, in effect, insists that without the Church as a factor predominant in the life of the workers there is no hope of material benefit.

Green is not alone in circles of Labor in sponsoring the recognition of the Church's influence, or of matters of the narrower quest of wages and hours. During the past few years prominent leaders as Vice President Matthew W. Higgins of the Federation, and Hugh Frayne were outstanding for greater participation of the workers in things of the community life such as recreation and social work.

The present trend of thought is also of the Church's attitude toward Labor. A correct statement is sought for the guidance of all church workers in their important task of serving the needs of Labor generally. And without an understanding of the problems there can be no great accomplishment in bringing the forces of the spirit and the ambitions of the toilers onto a common ground.

SAFETY IN AIRCRAFT

The element of safety is greatly increased the people take up flying as a common means of transportation. The outlook is that airplanes are becoming safer, and the revolutionary changes that hundreds of the "latest" airplanes are now obsolete. Auxiliary motors, paratrooper construction and stricter regulations regarding the element are contributing to the near success of air commerce and pleasure.

One's community back because of fear of more commerce never built a city, nor a nation, nor a business, nor a character out of the man who practises the false logic.

Studying the questions that come before the community, political, social or economic, one learns to better his condition and enhance his welfare along the lines of the measures of progress and development.

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WHY AMERICA WINS OVER EUROPE

France is in difficulties and is taking it out on American tourists and Americans generally. In a half critical, half envious, and half humorous manner Uncle Sam is being called a Shylock.

What France needs is to clean her own household. Nearly all of the European countries are held back by restrictive laws, tariff walls, customs and red tape. If Europe would throw down its bars trade and commerce would not be held back. If Europeans would get bickering out of their systems and jealousies out of their hearts they would come nearer relieving themselves of financial disaster.

In the United States and Canada things are different. A man can raise potatoes in Idaho and sell them in Georgia; or manufacture shoes in Massachusetts and dispose of them in California. It is nobody's business but HIS business. He is not confronted with restrictive or prohibitive laws so far as interstate traffic is concerned. The United States and Canada constitute the largest free trade area in the world. Hence the prosperity of these North American countries.

The word "protection" in Europe becomes a misnomer. If Sweden can make good shoes cheaply those shoes ought to be cheap enough so that the Italians would not save to go barefooted. If Switzerland can make good cheese and better cheese than Spain she should be allowed to furnish the Spaniards with this wholesome food at non-prohibitive prices. In other words, commerce, as such, should have no common lot with traditions, languages and racial distinctions that rightly hold nations apart. When it comes to BUSINESS, the greatest "protection" is often the lack of it, when protection is translated as restriction of the natural flow of commerce and the supplying of the world's needs with the world's products.

There are, of course, certain fundamentals of protection underlying all local prosperity. The United States can well afford to protect from low standards of living and cheap labor and cheap products of foreign countries because this country is large and is practically self-supporting. But in a group of small countries as in Europe, where to us another nation is like another county or another state, there is every reason why national prejudices and mistrusts should give way to the necessities of business intercourse. This, however, is not done, and Europe suffers. Unfortunately, she is more concerned about who guards the banks of the Rhine than about how and at what price her people are to be fed.

IN THE SWIM

After Gertrude Edrele made her spectacular splash across the English Channel several others tried. But what is most needed in swimming line is the ability to get thru the water at shorter distances. To be able to swim a few feet or yards well is more desirable than the endurance tests of miles.

That when the Constitution was signed this country was in a condition of bankruptcy, chaos and anarchy.

That within five years thereafter came about one of the most hopeful conditions for orderly progress in all history.

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NEWSY TOPICS

Physicians have quit advising strolls along country roads for rest and quiet.

Next to politics there's nothing that makes strange bedfellows like sudden riches.

The prettiest thing about a sunset on a hot day is the fact that the sun is setting.

That nation is doomed whose women no longer regard being a good cook a distinction.

Public office is a public trust so long as the officeholder doesn't ruin his credit.

Some club women know more about conditions in China than the condition of their china closet.

There's hope for the counties in this country: political and petting. Both need watching.

The grocery stores quit selling gasoline because their customers didn't have the nerve to charge for fuel while owing for food.

Deep literature is appreciated after the author dies. Maybe popular songs would be better received after their writers were hung.

About the time a young man gets himself loose from his mother's apron strings some sweet young thing ties herself to his purse strings.

There's hope for the country in the fact that even if you violate a different law every day in the year there are still 8,442,651 of which your conscience is clear.

They used to say that when the old tapers died off there wouldn't be any thirst for whisky among the younger generation. Right: it will be a craving for wood alcohol and hair tonic.

There is enough clothing in the attics of this country to keep it warm for five years, says an economist. And there's enough booze in the basements of this country to keep it drunk for life.

—Badd (Tex.) News.

Golf is the poor man's game if the poor man's game to try it.

What the modern girl needs is to be sewing cloth instead of wild oats.

Whether business is good depends on how long it has been since the last cash customer.

This is an ungrateful world. Can any of you name a single thing you got last Christmas?

Many a woman who fills the vase in the sedan with pretty flowers has left the sink full of dirty dishes.

A famous Indian scientist has demonstrated that trees breathe. Our forest rangers already knew that they smoke.

In fifty years from now there will be not only one airplane for every home but one smashed on the roof of every house.

Coolidge has done one thing for the country. He has proven that you don't always have to eat canned fish when camping out.

Hereafter, the Mexicans will have to worship God according to the dictates of their Constitution instead of their conscience.

To some Senatorial aspirants G. O. P. stands for Get Out the Pocketbooks; but their nominations at least disprove the theory that rich men are stingy.

"A monument to a hen will be erected in Rhode Island and will probably be placed in the middle of the road."—Detroit News. But wouldn't that be a monument to a Henry?

It is a wise administration that provides for elections before the income tax falls due; but still wiser is the government that makes incomes large enough to be taxable.

Now since the country has had time to reflect on Joyce Hawley's champagne bath, we expect some expert in high finance to come forward with the figures on how much it would cost her to take one every Saturday night for a year.

Think!



by Harlan Eugene Read

THE KAISER'S PROPERTY INDEPENDENCE KINGS

Most significant news of the month, to the poor, is the German vote upon whether the nation of Geramn shall seize the Kaiser's property.

Is it the Kaiser's property? Von Hindenburg, President of Germany, and once dreadful warrior of blood and iron, says it is. The Socialists and Communists say it is not.

From the time the first duke in the Hohenzollern line seized that is, stole, the land that lay around his castle, the Hohenzollern family has held, and added to, estates, in the name of the nation. These estates have produced revenue. To this revenue the nation has added from time to time. Kaisers and kings, said to represent their people have always received and spent money lavishly. There was plenty left when the Kaiser fled to Holland.

Now the question is: Whose property is it?

We celebrate on July 4, 1926 the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the signing of a document that says whose property it is. That document is the Declaration of Independence. It has fewer than sixteen hundred words, and can be read in less than ten minutes. The Queen of the Types, who is responsible for all errors in this office, read it in six. It can be found in the World Almanac, or in any good American Encyclopedia or history. Every American ought to read it once a year on the Fourth of July.

If the airplane had been in existence in 1776, no amount of patriotism would have freed us from the British. We were too few in number. Too weak. But we were far away, transportation was slow and expensive, and we were scattered over a wide territory.

One of the amazing features of our revolution was that most of our so-called "respectable"

element were Tories. Even after the hostilities began, many of our leaders regarded themselves as English-men, protesting against wrongs. In the eyes of the world our soldiers were rebels—until they won.

July 4, 1776, is the greatest of days in the struggle for democracy. When our embattered farmers fiered the shot heard 'round the world they thought they were fighting only in protection of their own home state but that shot dethroned the throned monarchs of Europe. A century and a half later at the end of the great war the following was the list of kings still remaining on the earth. Read it and laugh. Most of the kings were Mohammedans, Asiatics and African chiefs.

Albert, Boris III, Christian X Ferdinand IX Constantine, Peter I, Alfonso XIII, Victor Emmanuel III, John II, Charlotte, Wilhelmina, George V, Haakon VII, Gustaf V, Waizeru Zauditu Mohamed VI, Bey Sidi Mohamed, Ahmed Fuad, Amir Amanullah Khan, Husein, Abd-el-Aziz, Abdullah ibn Mitah, Mohamed ibn Ali, Yahya Mohamed, Seyhid Taimur, Ahmend ibn Jobar, Emir Abdullah Said Asfendiari, Maharaja Ugyen Wangchug, Emir Said Mir Alim Khan, Khai-Dinh, Yoshihito, Ahmed, P'Yi, The Dalai Lama, The Hutuktu, Rama VI.

That is the complete list except for the king of Nepal. His name was Maharapadhirapa Tribhubana Bir Bikram Jung Shumshere Jung.

One is reminded by these names of the story of the Arkansas judge before whom a Hungarian was brought charged with vagrancy.

"What is your name?" asked the judge.

"Wladislaus Zsitvaork Gyuafehervar Istvan Illeshazy," said the vagrant.

The judge replied, "Thirty days."

LIGHT DIET PUNISHMENT

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Sentence to jail on a bread and water diet is a popular remedy prescribed for liquor law violators by County Judge Chapp of Burt county, Nebraska. According to the sheriff the remedy has "materially decreased liquor law violations" in Judge Chapp's jurisdiction. The usual sentence is for five or ten days "on bread and water." Recently two men were sentenced to 60 days in jail, "the first and last 20 days"—40 of the 60 days—"to be served on a bread and water diet." The defendants appealed, after they had tried the diet for a week. The complaint was on account of the feed and it is presumed that its basis was that the punishment was unusual and cruel. But the Supreme court held in effect that the diet was good for them and the penalty stands.

If this form of punishment is found effective in Nebraska it might, with justice, be tried out on prisoners in chain gang camps who are alleged to be lying down on the job because the women have "messed in" and removed the fear of the lash. Whether our judges have any authority in prescribing menus for persons they sentence to prison is a question. But it might help the helpless prison camp superintendents whose only remedy for rebellious prisoners is a club, if the court could add to each sentence prescribing imprisonment with labor that in case of refusal to obey orders prisoners should be confined to a diet of bread and water. Of course the prison reformers whose consideration for convicts exceeds sound judgement might cry out at the cruelty. But it is a sound axiom, and reasonable withal, that if one is physically able to work and will not labor, neither should he eat. Of course nobody would approve capital punishment by starvation, but the rebellious would no doubt come around before it reached that point; or at least that problem could be dealt with when it was reached. It is improbable that many of our prisoners would attempt to stage martyrdom by putting on hunger strikes. That is self-punishment that few of them would stand for long.

THE PREACHER GOT GAY

(Greensboro Daily News,

The Presbyterian Standard contains the official report of the trial and deposing of a preacher in Virginia, which is to this effect. Near a year ago the preacher was given a hearing before the official body of his church and found guilty of "being drunk and driving recklessly." He was suspended from the ministry "until he should give evidence of repentance." Officials of his congregation asked that he be permitted to preach to them while on probation; from which it is inferred that the congregation must have had much faith in the preacher. Some months later the preacher asked to be reinstated "without ever confessing his sin or showing any evidence of repentance." The ecclesiastical court thought there should be another hearing before his request was granted and they cited the preacher to appear. He was slow to respond but he finally appeared and pleaded guilty "to all the charges," "including lying and perjury."

Whereupon the church court proceeded formally and officially to cast him without the pale, and you got to admit that preacher man had it coming to him. There are more than enough of the unregenerate driving on the highways while tanked up and if the preachers join the procession the limit will be crowded. The thing has got to stop somewhere. Admitted that it is hardly fair to deny the preacher the same privilege members of his flock may take to themselves, but it's the custom to require a straighter walk of the parson and he will have to live up to expectations or take the consequences.

R. R. CLARK.

Farmers of McDowell County are realizing that livestock and poultry offer the best mediums for bringing about permanent form prosperity and they are rapidly adopting this new method of farming, reports county agent W. L. Smarr.

A field of cowpeas on a Durham County farm still shows the beneficial effects of lime applied five years ago.

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