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Company President At Meeting In Brazil

Mr. H. H. Schell, president of Sidney Blumenthal and Co. Inc., left New York on April 6th on the S.S. Brazil to attend a meeting of the Inter-American Council of Commerce and Production at Santos, Brazil. Mr. Schell is Vice Chairman of the American Section and a Trustee of the Council. The conference will run April 21 to April 29.

Mrs. Schell is accompanying Mr. Schell on this trip. They will return on the S.S. Brazil to Rio de Janeiro for a short time and then embark on the S.S. Uruguay for Montevideo, Uruguay, and Buenos Aires in the Argentine. After a short stay in these other countries, they will return to New York on the S.S. Uruguay, stopping once more at Montevideo, Santos, Rio de Janeiro, and Trinidad, returning to New York on May 29th.

Business Will Be Better

All indications are that we will have more business starting in July. We had a very good winter upholstery season but this will slow down from now on until new styles are shown in July. We anticipate a very active upholstery business after the mid-year furniture market in Chicago.

All indications point to the fact that we had more than our share of pile fabric business from the upholstery trade thus far this year. This is unquestionably due to the fact that we have produced the most attractive designs and colors in our upholstery line of Jacquard friezes, and the untiring efforts of our Sales Department.

Our cloaking business has been unusually quiet, which is typical of our operations in this field during the winter months. Also the shortage of rayon has hurt our operations. Supplies of rayon will once again be available starting about the middle of April, which will permit us to increase our activity on our rayon qualities. We are looking forward to a good business on cloakings after the July holidays.

The question of having to run our plants on short working schedules is a problem for our company.

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Fight Infection With First Aid



Mrs. Mary Trevathan, Plant Nurse, is shown giving first aid to Reynolds Kennedy who has received a small puncture wound from a heddle.

No matter how minor the accident Mrs. Trevathan is always glad to render prompt and efficient first aid.

Kennedy, who has been with the company for nearly twenty years has never had a serious accident; however, he has made many trips to the First Aid Room because he knows that a minor wound can become infected and cause blood-poisoning or other serious trouble.

Both Mrs. Trevathan and Reynolds Kennedy will tell you, "It Pays To Work Safely."— But if an accident does occur, report it promptly.

Working For Nothing

A farmer works hard for his money—a fact well known to everyone who has ever tried that dawn-to-dusk job. When a farmer buys a tractor to make his acres produce more crops, that tractor represents hundreds of hours of toil.

Suppose you farmed the land next to that of the farmer with the new tractor. And you wanted to borrow the tractor for several days. Would you say: "So long as you have the tractor anyway, why not let me use it while it's idle? It's just standing there, doing nothing."

Or would you say: "I realize that your tractor represents a lot of work. I don't expect you to work for me for nothing—so if you can lend me the tractor, I'll pay you rental money, or else I'll come and work for you in exchange."

In industry, the situation is not as obvious as in the case of the two farmers, but the situation is exactly the same. By far the greater number of those investors who risk their savings to buy the tools

and equipment we work with, have worked hard for their money. When they transferred the earnings they had saved into investment in industry, they transferred the result of their work and thrift into our hands and for our use. They risked part of their pay on our ability to produce.

People who think that shareholders who have invested and risked their savings—the savings which make jobs and production of goods possible—are not entitled to be paid for the use of the tools their own work has bought, are taking the position that other people ought to be willing to work for them, for nothing. There is no difference between working for nothing—which none of us would dream of doing, unless forced—and working and saving and risking that work—produced money in industry, then being denied a profit on that investment.

The shareholder is just as much a member of the team as the workers and management. Each does his part; each must share in the rewards.

Caromount Cafeteria Undergoes Changes

Cecil A. Lewis, President of the Caromount Athletic Association which operates the Caromount Cafeteria, announces that recent changes have been made in order to give better service. Counters and work tables have been rearranged in order to give more work room and to provide for better cleaning.

Lewis asked the cooperation of all employees in clearing the tables of refuse. Bottle racks and waste paper containers have been provided and everyone is invited to use them.

With the wholehearted cooperation of everyone better service can be provided by the cafeteria staff.

Softball Sidelights

Softball season is with us and with the spring weather at hand practice swings are already being made.

Projects of having a Caromount League with five or six teams are good. Already there is much enthusiasm in the Shipping Department, Weaving Department, Machine Shop and Office.

It is hoped that the Dyeing and Finishing Departments will also field teams.

The primary purpose of the Caromount League is to have a good time and work off a little steam. The important thing about this league is that you don't have to be good. The poorer you play the more exercise you get—Chasing balls.

Talk up a team. Come on out to play!

Safety Scoreboard

The first column shows the number of accidents requiring medical care but no loss time. The second column shows the number of accidents requiring loss of time.

	Medical	Lost Time
	Case	Case
Warping	0	1
Weaving	1	0
Raw Good Storage	0	0
Mending	0	0
Engineering	1	0
Office	0	0
Receiving	0	0
Finishing	1	0

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