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Devil Anse

How often do we hear the question: "After all, is the world growing better?" Once in a while, there comes a crime wave, that sets the timid to quaking. The alarmists cry that the world is tottering on the brink of the fate that engulfed Nineveh and Tyre.

They do not see life broadly and as a whole. If they did, they would know that the poet's "one increasing purpose" is being steadily, however slowly, realized and that "the thoughts of men are widened with the process of the suns."

The bloody chapter written by Devil Anse Hatfield is a case in point. His was a series of crimes which wiped out an entire family and took a toll of twenty-six lives.

Rockefeller and Schools Fifty million of the seventy million dollars given during 1920 by John D. Rockefeller to the General Education Board is to be applied to the assistance of colleges and universities in the raising of teachers' salaries.

To this end, in the years from 1902 to 1920, the board had appropriated \$35,000,000 toward a total of \$121,600,000 to be raised by institutions.

In the field of negro education, according to the report, the board during the past year made appropriations of \$1,100,000 to the endowment funds of four institutions, and toward salary increases gave \$120,500.

The recital of totals of gifts made is far from giving an adequate idea of the ways in which the General Education Board functions to the improvement of education.

No less important, in this time when the cry is that the mechanical nature of production has destroyed the craftsman spirit, is the General Education Board's contribution of \$60,000 to the National Society for Vocational Education.

The headlock, the most terrible of wrestling holds, is doomed. Leading experts and athletic authorities have joined in declaring that the grip with which Ed. Lewis, world's champion, earned his title, and which enables him to defend it, must go.

Consider its consequences. Stecher, the greatest grappler of them all, pitted his strength against it, and as a result is today a helpless paralytic.

Wrestling is a fine sport. It is becoming a popular pastime in colleges and universities. It is being patronized more and more by women of all social ranks.

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The Calder Bill

Yesterday's dispatches carried declarations of opposition to the Calder bill to regulate the coal industry from a miner's union official and from a West Virginia Senator whom the miners regard as a spokesman of the operators' point of view.

Mr. Green said, "We fear governmental authority in the fixing of wages, and we are apprehensive lest the courts construe the emergency sections of the Calder bill so that miners might be compelled to work regardless of wage conditions."

Neither union leader nor Senator seems to be interested in the consumer's side of the matter. The outstanding fact which can not be set aside by the protestations of labor or the platitudes of operators is that the public suffers and has suffered indescribably by reason of the chaotic conditions of the coal industry.

Mr. Green is afraid of the courts, but the country is not. Senator Elkins wants to set back the hands of the clock. But his is a wander-voice. However objectionable centralization may once have seemed, the tide which has set in that direction will not be arrested even by the magic word "normalcy."

A Statewide Stock Law

North Carolina can never claim to be truly progressive until it has enacted a statewide stock law. The matter has been before a number of our legislatures. The time for action is long overdue.

This is not a subject which falls within the competency of single counties, for meat and milk supplies rise above local inhibitions. It is no more possible to restrict the benefits of a stock law than it is to limit the benefits of health regulations.

It is earnestly to be hoped that some forward-looking legislator will soon introduce a statewide stock bill. After it is presented, the best proof of vision would be its enactment by a unanimous vote.

The Needs of a Port

To the citizens of Wilmington who have faith in the city's development as a port, the following analysis of marine terminals and port facilities will be of interest. The article written by Floyd T. Smith, of the Power and Mining Department of the General Electric Company, Schenectady, appeared in the January number of Marine Engineering, and has the weight of technical knowledge and experience back of it.

The truth of Mr. Smith's introduction is evident. "Facilities which the port requires should include good harbors, deep channels, wide piers, warehouses and pier sheds of improved construction to accommodate the shipping which comes to it, but one of the most important of all necessary facilities is the loading and unloading methods and mechanical equipment that permits quick dispatch.

As a whole, the ports of this country are inadequately supplied with permanent docks for the handling of cargo ships. New York, even after war expenditures, has still relatively poor equipment but has extensive improvements planned; Philadelphia's municipal piers are considered good.

"In fact," says Mr. Smith, "it seems the future has never held so many plans for port developments. A plan to rebuild every harbor and port along the Atlantic coast from Maine to Galveston and to install new freight handling machinery, to do much work now done by men, has been suggested in a resolution adopted by the Southern Traffic League at its recent meeting in Galveston."

May we not consider the truth of the saying, and that of the Montreal Harbor Commission, to the effect that, "The ports that have remained stationary or lost in prestige have been those which neglected to provide facilities before business was forced to seek elsewhere the facilities provided by rival terminals. Business follows the facilities. Great port developments have invariably been followed by increase of trade and population."

The Climate

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up in the everlasting hills. Whenever he says "snow," we of southeastern North Carolina smile, though occasionally he catches us with the smile on, and freezes it hard; but as a rule, the "snow" is for the upstate country, and none for us. We had some of it recently, but that was an exception.

Contemporary Views

THE PRESIDENT'S BOOK

Charleston News and Courier: It is good news that the President is preparing to get to work on his book as soon as he goes out of office. That is the next great task which lies before him, and it is not the least important of the labors which he has undertaken in his career.

It is hardly likely that the recent announcement of a book by former Secretary of State Lansing has anything to do with the present announcement of the President's purpose. It has long been understood that Mr. Wilson would tell the story of the peace conference after his relinquishment of the presidency.

THE WINSLOR BILL

Washington Post: One of the things for which Congress should find time between now and March 4 is the passage of the Winslow bill which amends the transportation act, so that partial payments of the amounts due the railroads may be made pending the adjustment of the final account.

There is due to the railroads under the guaranty provision of the transportation act several hundred millions of dollars which, under a ruling of the comptroller of the Treasury, can not be paid until the accounts are fully adjusted.

The government's liability in this matter is not questioned. The guarantee was given in good faith and will be carried out, but it will contribute vastly to the improvement of business conditions generally if the railroads are able to secure partial payments of the amounts due them and thus secure relief.

The Winslow bill should be passed by the House under suspension of the rules, or under a special rule, if necessary. The facts justify this course, because its passage will release many millions of dollars and will very materially help to improve business conditions.

THE UNIVERSITY NEEDS

Asheville Citizen: "I firmly believe that the growth of the university during the next decade will be limited only by the rapidity with which it can build up its material plant and enlarge its faculty."

So said President Chase the other day in outlining the crisis which faces the State university. The present enrollment is about 1,400 but the accommodations for students, both in dormitory and classroom, are badly crowded; the faculty is none too large and many of the best professors have refused larger compensation elsewhere simply because of their faith in the university's future and in the belief that the state will deal liberally with them in recognition of their value to the youth of the state.

Governor Morrison has given powerful support to higher education in his special message to the general assembly, he takes the position that the budget commission's recommendations were merely suggestions made without any possibility of the commission's knowing what the income of the state is to be when a scientific taxation program shall have been worked out.

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