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What's the Matter?

There must be some fundamental cause for the present world economic situation, and every thinking person should be out to find it. Remedy, like medicine, is not always palatable. Labor is at the bottom of all value.

Can't Get Away From It.

It is not often that we enjoy the distinction of being in agreement with the New York Tribune, but the comment which that journal offers under the head, "The Borah Obsession," coincides so closely, in part at least, with our views that we feel impelled to quote.

We expressed the belief several days ago that, willy-nilly, hot or cold, the United States was moving Leagueward and would yet, by the dark of some night's moon, come quietly to anchor in the Lake of Geneva.

We are reproducing two paragraphs of The Tribune editorial as evidence of tumble that is now being taken—with elephantine clumsiness, it is true—by some of those molders of thought who have at last seen the writing on the wall.

"The collection of the indemnification which Germany is ready to make us is tied up, through prior engagements on her part, with the indemnification which she is to make to the other belligerents. This is an irremediable fact. The only practical way left open for us to protect our interests is to associate with the Allied powers which are executing the terms offered jointly to them and to us."

"This may be a misfortune from Mr. Borah's point of view, since he seems to oppose association with the European powers for any purpose, even for the prosaic one of collecting debts. But what is the alternative? Would we get anywhere by ignoring the Reparations Commission and setting up a separate and rival collecting agency? The sections of the Versailles Treaty regulating reparations were eminently satisfactory to our people. Why not, then, adopt the easiest and most practicable method of enforcing them so far as we are concerned?"

INVITED AGAIN

A contemporary suggested some days ago that Mr. Lloyd George should be able to get around the Irish "sovereignty condition" by assuring Mr. De Valera and his associates that mental reservations would not be barred. This is facetious, of course, but not wholly inapplicable.

Now that the Sinn Fein leaders have been extended another formal invitation to join British statesmen in a conference, it is to be hoped that this issue will no longer be obtruded. It is perfectly obvious that the negotiations are in serious danger of being wrecked by insistence upon a point which admittedly is meaningless.

If the utterances of recognized leaders on the respective sides of this discussion are to be taken at their face value, there is no real obstacle in the way of a peaceful and permanent settlement. Once assembled in conference and guided by the principles in which they have clearly expressed agreement, the representatives of Ireland and of the Empire should be able to draft a satisfactory document of peace within forty-eight hours.

It is hardly conceivable that they are to be permitted to drift hopelessly apart because of a predilection for hair-splitting. Every day that passes without some guarantee of a conference increases the danger of the situation. Suspicion and unrest are growing, as multiplied signs have recently shown. Peace hangs by a slender thread. And all the time the door to a mutually satisfactory conclusion of the matter stands widely open.

The Traffic Bureau

It is well known among business men everywhere that an effective traffic bureau always represents a profitable investment for a community. It is not stating the matter too strongly to say that the complexities of modern transportation have made a traffic bureau essential to a community's economic safety.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"SOME BENEFITS" Editor of The Star: Wilmington is to be congratulated on the success of the election who have endeavored to have the new U. S. C. G. C. Modoc sent here—If she is to be sent here. Some of the benefits are: she burns oil of a local concern furnishing the fuel, the fuel will be obtained in Charleston or Norfolk. The Modoc should require no repairs for several years and when she does it will be necessary for her to go to a large navy yard.

CONTEMPORARY VIEWS

THE COUNTRY DOCTOR. Louisville Courier-Journal: The fact is that the doctor in the country because the country is deserting the doctor. That is why there is a shortage of general practitioners in rural districts. Placing the blame on the doctor is not as easy as mentioning the fact. Suggesting a practical remedy is difficult.

Should the Kentucky State Medical Association find a means of restoring confidence in the family doctor, stemming the tide of well-to-do patients from rural sections to the offices of city specialists and restoring to business for the general practitioner, substantial social service would be rendered.

Possibly the increasing popularity of specialists in cities has been the largest factor in the diminishment of the general practitioner in the country as the prop of the community. Specialists do not practice in the country, so the country patient who can go to the city for medical service, has to be abandoned—the fashion being established, the example set—for taking such measures in a matter which may be one of life and death. Nevertheless there is little encouragement for an ambitious young "M. D." to establish himself in the country and develop a rural practice.

Our is an age of specializing. The results are not always and altogether satisfactory. Veteran railroad mechanics deplore the virtual disappearance of all-around mechanics who can begin with the rough castings and make a locomotive.

Physicians assert that there is need of a greater number of well-qualified general practitioners equipped to cope with conditions arising in any part of the anatomy of the patient. The public, without undervaluing the specialist, is impatient of the opinion in advocacy of the old-fashioned general practitioner, but urging young men to become general practitioners, and to settle in the country, is as futile as shouting to young men to go to the farm and content themselves with meager profits and the consolations of a quiet, independent and obscure life.

The general practitioner must know, if he is to retain his patient, with clear conscience and with the blame on his health, something about all there is of a human being, and that includes knowledge of a man beyond the purely physical part—a man or woman. The successful general practitioner must have confidence in himself and must inspire confidence. He must have the courage of a poker player, the nerve of an explorer, the readiness and dash of a fireman to whom no emergency suggest hesitancy. He must be socially accomplished. His moral character must be above reproach, in a community inclined to acquit itself of a man of consequence in the community. The ideal country practitioner is not only a well-learned doctor, and one whose reading in the course of his career is extensive, but also very much of a man.

UNEMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE. Baltimore Sun: "The way to resume is to resume" was said many years ago in regard to unemployment. The way to end unemployment is to employ might be presented now as a potent paraphrase of the old solution of a difficult financial problem. But the unemployment situation is not one to be solved by a magnificent rhetorical gesture or by a simple formula. It is the result of many and complex causes, and it cannot be cured by a phrase. Employment is, of course, the cure for unemployment; but that does not take away the fact that when a man is at the bottom of a precipice and he cannot get up by himself, the obvious thing is to lower him a rope ladder by which he can climb up. But to do that, you must first procure the rope ladder.

The encouraging feature of the opening session yesterday of the National Conference on Unemployment is

the recognition of this principle and this fact in the addresses of both Mr. Harding and Mr. Hoover. Both emphasized the problem as one demanding general co-operation and the exercise of public intelligence as well as sympathy. The immediate need for the coming winter must go met, as Mr. Hoover declared, but the case is not one for mere "doles" or charity. The practical remedy is work, and to provide legitimate and useful work for the unemployed has been called together that it may "mobilize the intelligence of the country" in the task. The President is to be commended for his courage in saying that he "would have little enthusiasm for any proposal or relief which seeks either palliation or tonic from the public treasury." "The excess of stimulation from the source," he added, "is to be reckoned a cause of trouble rather than a source of cure. We should achieve but little in a remedial way if we are continued to excite a contributing cause."

In a word, this conference looks all the more hopeful because it promises to be directed by intelligence rather than emotion. Industrial plants, corporations, business men, municipalities and citizens of all classes should be united in a systematic program to provide useful employment. It is everybody's business, not merely the President's and Mr. Hoover's business, and nothing will result from this conference, unless everybody helps wholeheartedly. The conference can only plan the employment campaign. The campaign can only be successful through universal co-operation. And the selfish reason why there should be co-operation is that unemployment on a large scale injures the whole country, and not merely the unemployed.

No miracles are to be expected from the conference. The best that it can suggest will not provide full-time work with fair wages for everybody. But it may be able to formulate plans which will provide fair employment for those willing to work until the full tide of business and industrial activity returns, and thus help to meet the present emergency. Even better than that, it may be able to outline for consideration some general scheme that will lessen, if not eliminate, the disastrous effects of these recurrent periods of industrial and commercial stagnancy.

SPORTS

SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED FOR THE GYM CLASSES

Winter Season Opens Monday With Physical Director Powers in Charge. The gymnasium of the Young Men's Christian association has just been gone over, as has the equipment, and everything put in tip-top shape for the beginning of the winter classes Monday of the coming week.

Physical Director C. R. Powers has recently returned from the Adirondack camp on Lake George where, during the summer he was camp director, having many boys under his supervision, and has been concerning his efforts to get the schedules arranged in time for the opening of the regular winter classes.

Mr. Powers said yesterday that the gymnasium floor had been repainted and oiled, and the old equipment had been overhauled and put in the best of condition, while a considerable amount of new equipment has been secured.

Mr. Powers is having schedules of the various classes printed and as soon as they come from the press copies will be mailed the membership. The schedule includes regular "setting up" exercises under the direction of Mr. Powers. These are for the old and the young, the different ages being grouped so as to throw each person into the class with his own group. There will also be games, including hand ball, volley ball, basket ball and others, while hot and cold showers and the pool are at the disposal of all members.

One thing which Mr. Powers expects to feature this year is calisthenics for the business men's class. He said yesterday that in the past the men have been too anxious to begin playing to devote any time to the "setting up" exercises, but in the future, he said, he will insist that a ten minute workout be taken before beginning the game.

Mr. Powers said that volley ball is all right for a diversion or recreation for the tired, fatigued brain of the business man, because it keeps his mind occupied and off any business cares or worries which he may have, but he declared that the exercise incident to the game is not just what the body needs and what is provided in the work-out which he proposes.

Following is a copy of the "gym" schedule for the winter classes: Juniors, 3 to 4 o'clock Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 11 to 12 Saturdays; shower and swim, 4 to 4:30 Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 12 to 12:30 Saturdays.

Intermediates, 4 to 5 Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 10 to 11 Saturdays; shower and swim, 5 to 6:30 Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 11 to 11:30 Saturdays and Fridays. High school, 4 to 5 Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Younger business boys, 7 to 7:45 Mondays and Wednesdays, and 6:30 to 7:30 Saturdays; shower and swim, 7:45 to 8:15 Mondays, Wednesday and Saturdays. Older business boys, 7:45 to 8:30 Mondays and Wednesdays, and 7:30 to 8:30 Saturdays; swim and shower, 8:30 to 9 Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. Boys' club, 3 to 4 Mondays and Fridays; shower and swim, 4 to 4:30 Mondays and Fridays. Business men, 5:30 Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Younger business men, 6:30 Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Dormitory men, 6:30 a. m. every day except Sundays. Leaders, 8 to 9 Fridays. Men's basketball, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:20 and 6:30 respectively. League games, 7:30 to 9:30 Fridays. Gymnasium men's Bible class at 7 o'clock Monday nights.

BOTH WRESTLERS HAVE PLENTY OF CONFIDENCE

Hanson and Magulus Both Expect to Win Tonight

Jerry Magulus, Charleston Greek, who goes to the mat with Hanson tonight at the Academy of Music in the season's opening mat battle, reached the city last night and is in splendid condition and more than ready for the battle that may end with one or the other a fit subject for the hospital. Tonight's match will be wrestled on the same conditions as those of the past, with Jim Wade refereeing. The bout will go two falls out of three, to a finish, without any time limit. Promoter Cates said yesterday in speaking of tonight's match and all future matches: "Regardless of what referees may think of imaginary blue laws, future matches here go to a finish. If the participants are upwilling to fight it out for the determination of the best man, I will refund admissions paid in less the actual expense of opening the house."

DELECO COMMUNITY NEWS. DELECO, Sept. 29—Good work is proceeding in this section, filling a great need. The high school under the direction of Principal G. W. Lassiter promises to be the best district has had. Mrs. Lassiter has a large music class. A revival meeting at the Baptist church has closed, with a record of 31 additions to the church membership.

Advertisement for Bruce Cameron's tires. Includes a large graphic of a tire and the text: "He's selling Automobile Tires, various makes and sizes, cheaper than they've ever been sold in Wilmington, and HERE'S THE PROOF:" followed by a list of tire models and prices.

Advertisement for Millinery Special. Features the text: "Friday and Saturday Bargains! Dry Goods Bargains" and "Millinery Special". Includes an illustration of a hat and a list of items and prices.

Advertisement for Fuch's Cash Department Store. Features the text: "Big Values In Shoes" and "Friday and Saturday Special Showing of New Pattern Hats". Includes an illustration of a woman in a dress and a list of shoe styles and prices.

A Senate committee has reported that Newberry is entitled to his seat in that august body. Well, if there are men in the Senate capable of making such a report, we don't see why Newberry should be kept out.

The United Mine Workers of America have instructed the Kansas leader, Alexander Howat, to call his men back to work. Good for President Lewis and the sane element of his organization. Howat vows he will be kicked out before he will submit, and that he will go to jail before he will give a bond recently required of him by a Kansas court. We hope he holds out. We can think of no more encouraging spectacle than that of Howat being kicked out of the miners' union and into a jail cell.

South Carolina reports the discovery of a family that is totally unable to perspire. That is regrettable, but it is encouraging to know that one family is still trying.

We have heard lately of at least two persons who desired to prove that the earth is flat. Though we have not previously subscribed to that theory, we are beginning to believe that with respect to a large part of the earth these people are right.

Mr. Ledoux has asked the President to issue a public appeal calling on those who profited by the war to give fifty per cent of their wealth to a relief fund for the unemployed. Steady there, now! No crowding!

Of the Arbuckle case, Judge Lazarus says he had really hoped that his court "would be the avenue for a complete revelation of all the facts." Rather doubtful judicial distinction, we should say—to preside over a sewer.

Barring a miracle, the World Series will be the exclusive property of the city of New York. The jolt which the flaming St. Louis Cardinals yesterday shot into the Pittsburghers settled matters in the National League, leaving the Giants nothing more to do until the curtain goes up on the championship series.

Tris Speaker's redskins came very near getting a sockdologer from the Chicago Sox, and today or tomorrow we shall no doubt hear that the Cleveland big chief has departed with his tribe for the happy hunting grounds. And in the meantime the state of "Babe" Ruth's health will be the most vital question before the American people.

Senator Simmons has a letter from a man who says, "I am a Republican and only want a square deal." Such modesty is nothing short of treason to the party.