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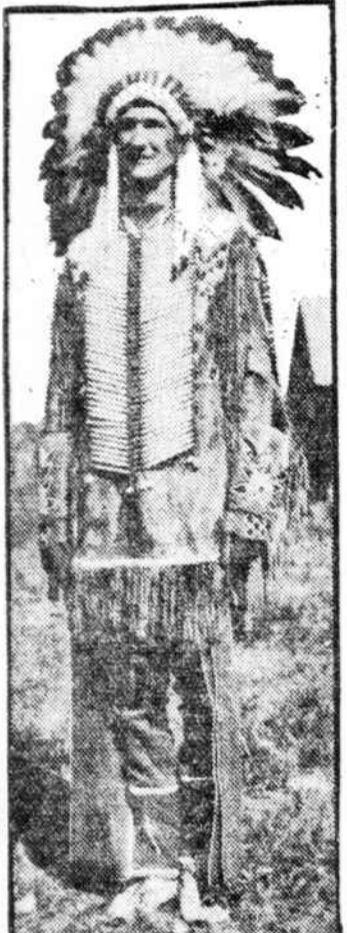
## Here, There and Everywhere

A Digest of Odds and Ends of General News and Information Edited for Readers of The Independent

**COAL SUPPLY** The Geological Survey statement shows that coal mining has been quite satisfactorily resumed under the terms of the Cleveland agreement. The statement says: "The limiting factor in the supply of soft coal has now become transportation. It is true that some thousands of miners are still on strike, notably in the Connellsville and Kanawha districts, but the tonnage of-

ferred for shipment by the other mines at work will absorb the available transportation facilities. The demand for coal is active and the prices are high. Under such conditions coal is offered for shipment to the limit of the ability of the railroads to transport it." Shortly before the middle of September the Survey found "the present rate of production is 9,000,000 tons a week. In the corresponding period of 1920 the average was 11,750,000 tons." Later reports received, which are not entirely official, show a marked increase in mining over the statement given out by the Survey.

### Bishop Moulton As a Ute



THE RIGHT REV. ARTHUR W. MOULTON, D.D., is Episcopal missionary bishop of Utah. He has just been made a chief of the Ute Indian tribe, which dwells within his diocese. His part was a prominent one, as a member of the House of Bishops, at his church's general convention at Portland, Ore., recently.

Every night 10 million persons, averaging in age under 20 years, crowd the picture houses—an attendance nearly equal that of our public schools. There are 17,824 theatres in America as against 22,353 newspapers.

**\$45,000,000 WAT.** The river and ERWAYS BILL harbor bill as it has passed the Senate provides for Federal acquisition of the Cape Cod, Mass., and Dismal Swamp, Va.-N. C. canals. Another new provision placed in the House bill provides for the survey of the Tennessee river and its tributaries in Tennessee, Kentucky and North Carolina. A large number of additional surveys are provided for. As passed by the Senate the bill carries authorization for expenditures totaling nearly \$45,000,000, of which \$5,000,000 goes to pay for the cash settlement for the Cape Cod canal. In addition the Government is authorized to take over \$6,500,000 in bonds issued by the Cape Cod Company as part of the settlement. The bill is now in conference with the House.

The attendance on the opening day of the public schools in New York City last Monday was approximately 1,000,000.

**DECREASER USE** The United States Forest Service directs attention to the substitution of other materials for wood. The per capita consumption, says the Service, has dropped from 500 board feet in 1906 to 316 board feet in 1920. This decreasing use of a fundamental commodity, according to forest experts, is not a result of decreasing needs but a result of forest exhaustion. To quote again the Forest Service: "Even at the reduced rate of consumption we are still cutting our forests more than four times as fast as they grow. In general, the older and more densely settled States show the lowest average consumption. The States characterized by heavy agricultural operations come next, and the greatest use per individual is indicated in those States where there is still considerable timber and where the extension of home building is proceeding at a rapid rate, using the abundant material provided by the forests. The States are going thru an evolutionary process, building first of lumber and later of more costly materials as the forests recede before fire and axe."

There are 30,000 drug addicts in Philadelphia, supplied by at least 1,000 dealers is the statement of a Philadelphia judge.

**VETOING THE SUPREME COURT** No one need sleep over the proposition of an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which will deprive the Supreme Court of the power of setting aside acts of Congress as unconstitutional. The champions of this new thing they call "reform" want to shackle the Supreme Court by providing that through a two-thirds vote Congress may "veto" a decision of the Supreme Court.

Agitations of this kind have usually followed decisions of the Supreme Court that are "unpopular." In the present instance the Court is being criticized because of its decision holding the Child Labor Law unconstitutional. Therefore those who are displeased would upset the fundamental policy upon which the Court is founded. Thus history repeats itself. A hundred years ago Chief Justice John Marshall was writing the last of his great decisions that defined constitutional law. His biographer, Senator Beveridge, points out that only one or two of all these decisions were "popular" with the country. Talk of "vetoes" by Congress was always in the air thruout the more than quarter of a century that Marshall was on the bench. Impenetrable was threatened time and again. Orders of the Court were treated with disdain by Southern States, and even Jefferson while President, refused to obey the summons of Marshall to testify in the trial of Aaron Burr. The Supreme Court in those early days was kicked about pretty much as the Railroad Labor Board is being cuffed in these later days. The final success it obtained in enforcing its power should prove heartening to the Labor Board.

The income tax decision in 1896 and the injunctions to stop the great railroad strikes in the early nineties aroused storms of protest against the Supreme Court. To these special cases there may be added a number of rather unpopular opinions, all of which are dwelt upon by men who may fairly be classed as enemies of

the Supreme Court. But in all of the storm of protests that are now, or have in the past, been directed towards the Supreme Court, the fact and conviction has always been steadfast in the country that the Court, while not infallible, has always been extremely able and ever unquestionably above reproach. It may therefore be expected that the talk of uprooting the Supreme Court will gradually subside when the railroad strike is over and the Fall elections have burned out the passion and hate in certain groups of politicians.

The automobile industry of the United States turned out more cars in the first eight months of 1922 than in the full year 1921, according to trade reports. It is expected the output for the full year will exceed the record for all time, which was 2,205,000 cars in 1920.

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## FORD'S WEALTH

The Henry Ford family now is worth more than \$400,000,000, according to the latest estimates of credit experts in Wall Street.

One expert predicts that Ford's income this year will reach the enormous figure of \$75,000,000.

On the basis of these figures, John D. Rockefeller probably still is the world's richest man. There has been much speculation over the possibility that Ford may be richer than John D.

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lyng the present business reveal that the persistence with which commerce and industry have progressed in the face of recent serious obstacles, says a statement from the Department of Commerce. The extremely serious labor difficulties thru which we are now passing would, under many conditions, have completely demoralized business; instead real progress continues to be made. There is reason to suppose that the economic losses occasioned by the coal and railroad strike will make themselves felt for some months to come. Disturbances of this character affecting basic industries cannot take place without having to be paid for in the long run. It is possible that the full force of these losses will be felt severely in future months.

Figures now available on business movements during July show that the rate of progress was materially slackened in that month. In the majority of industries, production and sales were less than in June. A part of this is to be attributed to the usual mid-summer seasonal slump and part either to approaching over-production or to increased prices and increased production costs.

The extent of the real progress of industry on the road back to normal is seen when current figures are compared with those for a year ago. In almost every instance production is on a much higher level than in 1921. Perhaps the most favorable feature of the present situation is the prospect for a bountiful harvest this fall. This will do much to offset the other less favorable factors.

An anniversary which will be celebrated in France this year is one which every woman will appreciate. It is the fiftieth anniversary of the invention of the Marcel wave.

**GOVERNMENT** The office of CAN'T AFFORD Supervising Architect has given out word that building operations are held up thruout the country because of the excessive cost of construction. The Government has made appropriations calling for \$15,000,000 worth of new buildings, but the architects say that to build now would call for buildings greatly smaller than those called for by the appropriations. Government authorities say that a building slump is bound to come, and they expect to wait for it. This slump, says acting supervising architect James A. Wetmore, will take place within a year and a half.

So rapidly are the Baptists of America growing that in the three years from 1918 to 1921, inclusive, their number increased by 1,000,000, according to a survey that has just been completed by Dr. E. P. Alldredge, secretary of survey, statistics and information of the Baptist Sunday School Board at Nashville.

**BUSINESS CON.** No clearer denunciations sound construction could be asked to indicate the soundness of the fundamental conditions under-

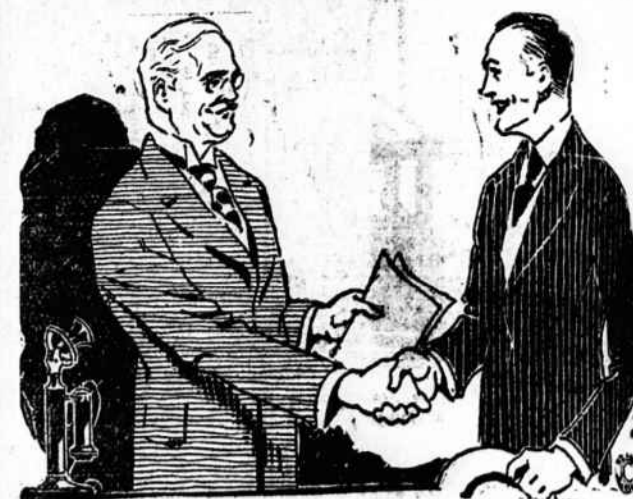
**EMPLOYMENT** We have it from IS NORMAL the authority of the Secretary of Labor of the United States that employment is again normal in this country. "That does not mean that every man or every woman has a job, because, as we recall it, the statistical sharps have it figured out that there are always a couple of million people unemployed. They are people temporarily out of work from choice or necessity, and others who are jacks of all trades and are constantly shifting employment. When you add the loafers and the gums the total of two millions out of a population of more than one hundred million isn't so bad.

The Secretary of Labor has spoken in "kind words," and it is heartening to know that we are again back to "normalcy" in the matter of employment since there were over five million unemployed last Winter.

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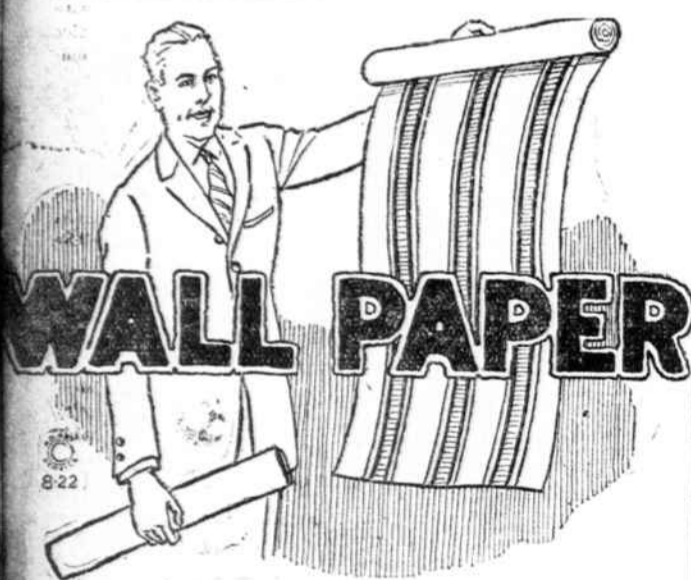
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