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WHY DELAY?

As was almost inevitable, the situation in Asheville is being exaggerated abroad. People who have friends and relatives here are sending them messages of caution and solicitude. The effect of this will be cumulative and the longer these conditions continue the more injury will be done in this respect. The blame may, probably will be, laid at the newspapers' door; but the newspapers might have added a good deal more to their stories without falsifying.

It has not hitherto been stated in so many words that property was damaged and women were assaulted in the illumination of Pack square Saturday evening, with policemen looking on; that is literally true, we believe, and yet it was not nearly as bad as it sounds. The damage to property consisting in cutting one rope; two women were led out of the cars, none too gently. And it was all in the spirit of jest. We prefer to believe that the police acted, or rather failed to act, in the conviction that the temper of the crowd was of such a holiday nature that it would be absurd to take it seriously.

As for what happened Sunday, all is well that ends well. No one will ever know whether there were the essential elements of a mob in that crowd, or whether it consisted of a few habitual rowdies, a number of boys ripe for adventure, and a bulk of citizens who would on appeal have put a stop to lawlessness.

There is as yet nothing serious to regret, and the temper of the people now is that there must not be. The people are in judicial mood. They are prepared to examine very carefully the contentions of the parties in dispute, and to pass judgment.

They wish to see justice done. What loss an inconvenience have attended the strike they are inclined to consider a small matter, if only the quarrel can be settled amicably and settled right. The spirit of Asheville, if we can judge and if those with whom we have taken counsel can judge, is most kindly toward both sides; sympathy being naturally with the strikers, but withal an intention that the company shall not be denied its legal right.

In view of these circumstances we renew the counsel that the parties in contest delay not in putting forth every effort to reach an understanding. Let advantage be taken of this good feeling, this sympathetic attitude of the public. Meet this spirit with a frank setting-forth of all your contentions; let us find out why it is you cannot get together.

After our suggestion about some information that ought to be furnished the public had been put in type yesterday, Mr. Plummer for the company took a very important step in line with those suggestions. He offered to the public some light on the situation, from his point of view. That was a recognition to some extent of the public's right to hear the contentions—in effect, a recognition of the public's right to arbitrate.

(Since the above was written the striking conductors and motormen have furnished an extended statement of their side of the controversy.)

The public is the biggest party in interest in this matter. It can adjudicate this dispute and is in the mood to do so. Why delay?

IN THE INTEREST OF HONESTY.

The only "alarming" feature in the decision of the Supreme court Monday that a reorganized corporation is liable for the debts of its predecessor to non-assenting creditors is the necessity which such corporations are now placed under of meeting such obligations. Upon some of them this may be a heavy and unexpected charge, and it was probably upon this ground that the Supreme court was so closely divided.

Notwithstanding this, however, the decision seems eminently to meet the ends of justice. A favorite expedient with a class of financiers has been to take over a debt-burdened corporation, eliminate the claims of all the creditors possible, freeze out small

stockholders and begin operating anew. In the case which brought about the decision, the Supreme court held the Northern Pacific Railway company liable for a judgment against the Northern Pacific Railroad company, which it superseded, although no "moral wrongdoing" was found in the reorganization. Said Justice Lamar:

Corporations insolvent or financially embarrassed often find it necessary to scale their debts and readjust stock issues with an agreement to conduct the same business with the same property under a reorganization. This may be done in pursuance to a private contract between bondholders and stockholders, and, though the corporation property is thereby transferred to a new company having the same shareholders, the transaction would be binding between the parties. But, of course, such a transfer by stockholders from themselves to themselves cannot defeat the claim of a non-assenting creditor. As against him, the sale is void in equity, regardless of the motive with which it was made. . . . There is no difference in principle if the reorganization, instead of being effectuated by private sale, is consummated by a master's deed, under a consent decree.

Probably the device of leaving non-assenting creditors "with the bag to hold" will now become less feasible and practicable.

A PREDICAMENT.

Most of President Wilson's friends and some of his opponents are still hoping that he will veto the sundry civil bill, with its exemption of labor unions and farmers' organizations from the operation of the Sherman anti-trust law. His refusal to incorporate class legislation in the New Jersey act is looked upon as a precedent. But there seem no good grounds for believing that he has receded from his attitude of a fortnight ago; that this provision shall stand until the whole subject is opened up in the contemplated revision and amendment of the Sherman act.

The President, indeed, has got himself into a most unfavorable position as regards this bill. So redoubtable a prognosticator as Colonel George Harvey predicts that by affixing his signature to this measure the President would commit political suicide. On the other hand, he points out, if he changes his mind he will be accused of having sold out "labor" to the capitalists. He might have fared better had he in the beginning taken the stand of his predecessor.

Missouri, the home of the ouster, is for once in a new role. The State to which the odor of oil is an abomination and the name of trust anathema clings to fire insurance closer than a brother. Petition falling to placate the companies affronted by the Orr act the courts have been applied to, and have partly relieved a distressed populace. State insurance, of course, is now talked of; and it is said that favored commonwealth may in a year or so be writing policies. Then, indeed, will there be jobs in plenty for all the faithful.

When we think of what is going to happen to that rash bunch who are going to defy the Mountaineers tomorrow in their native fastnesses, we almost shudder.

It does take the railroad representatives the longest time to realize that North Carolina is in earnest about the freight rates.

Never mind about the strike; making it a record-breaker anyway.

If you lose your temper you will be one of the losers, no matter who wins the strike.

Thomas, our guess would be that Watson would be the best bet for the purpose.

The more cool heads, the fewer broken ones. This is a general proposition.

What will be done to the Patriots tomorrow will be for their own good.

Prescription; large and frequent doses of sweet reasonableness.

LET THE MATTER BE ARBITRATED.

Editor of The Gazette-News: I have been asked by a number of Asheville citizens to write this article and seeing the attitude of your journal, along the same line, I make bold to ask space in your columns.

The citizens of Asheville and Buncombe county, from whom emanated the public franchise and rights to own and operate the street railway, are most vitally interested and have a right to speak on and concerning the pending strike and suspension of public service on our street railway lines. The question of arbitration is not a new one and has heretofore even been recommended and urged by no less dignified authority than the president of the United States. The authorities of our street car company say they are already paying sufficient compensation and cite figures to show that fact, but even if that be true, then all the more safe and reasonable is it for them to arbitrate this question. Are they not willing for impartial arbitrators to hear the matter and if their contention is well founded under all the circumstances of the case here in hand, the decision will necessarily be in their favor and the carmen express their willingness to abide such decision.

This writer is of the opinion that the time is here for the citizenship of Asheville to come together in mass meeting, and speak for their rights, as well as for the rights of the corporation and the rights of the striking operatives. Let the people come together as a whole, en masse, on the one side, and make known their sentiments and demand the rights of all. This question can be settled and settled right—can be settled quickly to the satisfaction of the public, the railway company and the striking operatives. Let the mayor issue the call.

THOS. J. RICKMAN, Asheville, April 30, '13.

The Governor's Views.

Editor of The Gazette-News: In view of the general interest in prison reform spreading throughout the country and the local interest being manifested here I desire to publish a letter recently received by myself from Gov. Craig stating his views upon this subject. The letter was written by Gov. Craig in reply to one from myself thanking him for the active part he has taken in certain matters of local value and is enclosed herewith.

MAUD WADELLE, Asheville, April 29, '13. (Enclosure.) State of North Carolina Executive Department Raleigh April 26th, 1913.

Miss Maud Waddell, Asheville, N. C. My dear Miss Waddell: I am very much gratified to know that you are so much interested in prison conditions. In my opinion the first duty of the state in regard to convicted criminals is to see that they are humanely treated and properly provided for. This is conducive to economical management and to the protection of society.

With highest regards, Your friend, LOCKE CRAIG.

A Query as to Electric Company's Business.

Editor of The Gazette-News: Permit me to congratulate you on your sound, logical and convincing editorial last evening on the strike situation. It is a long time since I have read an article like this, so fair and two-sided; and I believe now that we have a paper prepared to tell the truth, no matter whose ox is gored. A little more of the fearless attitude and Asheville will go forward by leaps and bounds.

Reverting to your able article, may I ask if a common pool is not holding most of the Electric company's stock and forcing our company to make profits to meet less favorable conditions in weaker cities? I am glad to see our ten-thousand-dollar Board of Trade awaking from its long sleep. A SUBSCRIBER. Asheville, April 30, '13.

TUBERCULOSIS "CURES" ARE CLAIMED BY MANY

Surgeon General Blue Swamped with Requests for Recognition.

By Associated Press. Washington, April 30.—Investigation of the alleged tuberculosis "cure" of Dr. Peter P. Duket of Chicago, is to be undertaken by the United States public health service. Surgeon-General Blue today issued orders detailing Julius C. Cobb, director of the marine hospital of Chicago, to inquire into the treatment and results.

The assignment was made at the request of former Senator William Lorimer of Illinois. "I have asked the governors of every state in the union," said Mr. Lorimer today, "to send a representative to Chicago to watch the work of Dr. Duket, and now that the government has taken action I think they all will do the same."

It developed today that since the health service has been investigating the alleged cure of Dr. Friedmann, Surgeon-General Blue virtually has been inundated by correspondence from "discoverers" of similar cures. Most of them make appeals for assistance and recognition.

MRS. J. H. RUMBOUGH

Wife of Col. Rumbough Died Yesterday at Hot Springs, at Age of 88.

Word was received in the city last evening that Mrs. Carrie T. Rumbough of Hot Springs, died there during the afternoon, the direct cause of her death being due to an attack of heart disease. Mrs. Rumbough was the wife of Col. James H. Rumbough of Hot Springs and the mother of J. E. Rumbough of this city. The deceased was 88 years old and had spent the greater part of her life in Hot Springs. Colonel Rumbough built the Mountain Park hotel a few years after the war, and they have since resided there. Mrs. Rumbough was known far and near in the mountains for the kindly interest she had always taken in the families of the poor, often distributing food and clothing to those in need. Surviving are the husband, five daughters and two sons. The daughters are Mrs. M. Hill, Mrs. Bessie Safford, Mrs. A. D. Baker, Mrs. W. C. Baker, all of Hot Springs; Mrs. John Brown of Knoxville, Tenn. The surviving sons are J. E. Rumbough of this city and J. C. Rumbough of Oyster Bay, N. Y.

Arrangements have not as yet been completed for the funeral, but the interment will be at Riverside cemetery.

Protest Against Sunday Closing.

(By Associated Press) Washington, April 30.—The most voluminous petition ever received by the postoffice department was submitted today, protesting against Sunday closing of postoffices to "the transient population of the United States." The petition weighed twenty-one and a quarter pounds. Signatures of thousands of people in all walks of life were affixed.

Stock Exchange Reform Bills.

By Associated Press. Albany, N. Y., April 30.—Two of the senate bills designed to reform methods of the New York stock exchange were passed by the assembly last night. One would make it a felony to make false statements or advertisements as to the securities or financial condition of a corporation or association. The other would make it a felony to report or publish fictitious transactions in securities.

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Salts, cathartic pills, oil and purgative waters force a passageway for a day or two—but they don't take the poisons out and have no effect upon the liver or stomach.

Cascarets immediately cleanse and regulate the stomach, remove the sour, undigested and fermenting food and foul gases, take the excess bile from the liver and carry out of the system all the constipated waste matter and poisons in the bowels.

A Cascaret tonight will surely straighten you out by morning. They work while you sleep—a 10-cent box from your druggist means your head clear, stomach sweet and your liver and bowels clean and regular for months. (Adv.)

WED AFTER 25 YEARS

Widow of R. T. Crane Marries Francis T. A. Junkin, Her Girlhood Sweetheart.

By Associated Press. Paris, April 30.—Mrs. Emily Hutchinson Crane of Chicago, wife of Richard T. Crane, philanthropist and iron master, and Francis T. A. Junkin, general counsel for the Santa Fe railroad, were married here today.

The wedding was the consummation of a romance dating back 25 years, when Mrs. Crane, who then was Miss Emily Hutchinson, and Junkin became estranged.

After Mr. Crane's death a year ago, Mr. Junkin and Mrs. Crane met again and their engagement was announced a few months ago.

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WHITE MOUNTAIN REFRIGERATORS. All sizes \$9.00 up. Ice Boxes \$5.50 up. J. L. Smathers & Sons. Mammoth Furniture Store. 15-17 N. Main St.

Bon Marche Wooltex Suits. Miss Holladay's Candy Sells for 75c Pound. This candy has a wide and growing reputation throughout the South for its worth and tasty qualities. It is homemade and the outgrowth of a small concern, which has established itself in a large way thru merit. This candy comes fresh each week. Those \$25 Tailored Suits. It won't be advisable to wait longer if you wish one of the higher priced suits that sell at \$25. Asheville women are never slow to take advantage of Bon Marche specials. The reduced suits have been placed on a separate rack. They are average sizes, for the most part 16, 36 and 38. Remember the Wooltex suits in the concentration numbers sell for \$25. Special Prices on Millinery. Our first reduction sale of Millinery is on this week. We are making room for the Summer stock, which has already begun to arrive. All trimmed hats in Spring styles are reduced. Don't fail to put in your appearance at the Millinery Department, strike or no strike. \$7.50 to \$16.50 trimmed hats, for \$5 to \$11.50.

BATTERY PARK BANK, ASHEVILLE, N. C. Capital \$100,000. Surplus and Profits \$120,000. OFFICERS: James P. Sawyer, Chairman of the Board. T. C. Cox, President. Erwin Sluder, Vice-Pres. J. E. Rankin, Cashier. C. Rankin, Asst. Cash.

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