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MORNING TONIC

(Addison). Fine sense and exalted sense are not half so useful as common sense; there are forty men of wit for one man of good sense...

UNCLE WALT MASON

CLOSE TO EARTH.

I never yet have ridden in airplane or balloon, although I've oft been hidden in board and by skiddin' around the smiling moon...

Jewelers say prohibition helps their trade. Business men of all lines find out that prohibition helps anything that is for the country's good.

The Americans now in the army in Europe number about 30,000, and they could be brought home in a few days if we could ever get peace signed up.

Belgium ratifies the treaty. Presently peace will be restored in Europe even if not between this country and Germany.

The President is safe in asking that passport regulations be continued for a year after the declaration of peace. This country has come through an experience with undesirable foreign influence...

Probably Shantung is not half so much worried over itself as a handful of American Senators are, and probably Shantung is worried as much as there is any occasion to be, and possibly there are other things needing attention in this country more than Shantung does.

If, as Mr. Weld, of the package, says, the majority of the Trade Commission are newspapermen and their theories are unproved, he might realize from what he knows of newspapermen that before they get through with him they will have the facts in the case, the sound ones along with the unsound ones, and he might as well give down what he knows in truthful style and without calling too many names.

Very little common sense should show the friend of the negro that inflaming him against the white people is not helping him. Sincere friends of the negro try to preserve harmony instead of creating hostility, for hostility never gets anybody anywhere.

Charlotte strikers and strikers anywhere else or any other persons any place in this country can read if they remember to keep close to public sentiment, for it is never very far wrong. The majority of the people are, as a rule, right. It is a rare thing for the most of them to be wrong.

TWO FUNDAMENTAL DUTIES.

In these times when so much is being said about the respective rights of labor and capital it is well to recall the wise words of Governor Bickett in a statement issued with regard to the discharge of cotton mill operatives in Charlotte who had refused to withdraw from newly organized unions.

That statement of the Governor's should be read and re-read by representatives of labor and capital all over the State, and with it as a guide they should get together on a basis of mutual understanding and co-operation.

When the mill owners discharged the operatives because they joined a union, they resorted to force and not to reason to sustain their position. A lockout is war—industrial war waged by organized capital against labor.

The right of labor to organize cannot be challenged, but I am persuaded that the kind of organization that both capital and labor now maintain can never bring about that confidence and good will between employer and employe that is essential to the success and happiness of both.

I earnestly urge the owners and the operatives in Charlotte and in the adjoining sections to get together, for eventually the happiness of all must depend upon the prosperity of the enterprise in which all are engaged.

When the mills reopen any and every American citizen has a right to work in the mills whether he belongs to a labor union or not. No mill owner has any right to say a man shall not work because he belongs to a labor union.

The Governor in that statement laid down a program which both employers and union employes can follow with profit everywhere—in Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Albemarle, High Point or anywhere else where employers and employes are at odds.

It should be noted that he calls the refusal of employers to recognize the right of labor to organize "unwise and unjust" and declares that such a refusal cannot be maintained.

Two big things stand out in the Governor's statement and they have been emphasized in the week's developments. They are the duty of capital to recognize the right of labor to organize and the duty of labor to refrain from violence.

THE VOTES OF THE SHOPMEN.

What the railroad shopmen do with respect to the question put up to them by the President is a matter of vast importance and one that they should consider in all seriousness.

last report. It is costly to the victor and to the vanquished and to the people who have no part in it. The sentiment of the country is undoubtedly with the President at the present time, and it hardly ever pays to fly in the face of public sentiment.

FOOD OUTLOOK BETTER.

For a week or two the tendency of prices has been downward, and it is a natural and interested question that people ask when they wonder if the movement means anything.

If this is a correct summing up of the situation in the war territory we may take it for a fact that we have passed the biggest job of feeding Europe, and that we will find food sufficiently abundant in this country that it will be hunting a market instead of the market hunting the food.

SELLING A TOWN.

The government advertises that among other things it has for sale as a result of the close of the war is the town of Nitro, in West Virginia.

Watching the fate of Nitro will be interesting. It takes some big industry to use a town big enough to hold 20,000 people, and money to buy a place of that sort.

SHANTUNG.

The Senate has been troubled about getting our country tangled up in foreign relations. But what is the significance of the Shantung affair? Are we to try to chase Japan away from Shantung, and if so is it our affair, single-handed, to get into this game which seems to disturb no one but a small bunch of Republicans in the Federal Senate?

When building starts up in this country we have on hand about four years' of back jobs to catch up on, and where the staff will come from to do it with is going to be an interesting problem.

Once in a while Germany breaks in with a sensible idea. Her plan is that men who want to work more and produce more shall be allowed to earn all they can.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

The Cheapsness of Cotton. Columbia State. Last Sunday, in the New York World, was an interview by Arthur R. Marsh, editor of the Economic World, former president of the New York Cotton Exchange and in earlier life a member of the faculties of the University of Kansas and of Harvard, from which we quote:



Prices of hides have risen but moderately. But the prices of cotton goods, of clothing and shoes and of other manufactured articles have risen out of all proportion to the rise in the price of the raw material.

War On The Proctitor.

The State administration is proceeding with reorganization of the food control machinery as under wartime conditions. Mr. Henry A. Page will resume management of headquarters at Raleigh, and Mr. Plummer Stewart will be in charge of the anti-profiteering campaign in Mecklenburg.

Senator Lodge and Shantung Hill.

Already the indications are strong that Senator Lodge, having marched up the Shantung hill, will presently march down again. His surrender to Senator Johnson on the anti-Japanese issue is coldly received even by his own party.

Treaty-Wreckers in the Senate.

If any patriotic American had been told a year ago that it was possible to behold, at any future time, such scenes as are daily occurring in the Senate of the United States, he would have scoffed at the thought.

Kwiz. Answers to Yesterday's KWIZ. 1—James G. Blaine was an American statesman and journalist who died 1883; he was Secretary of State and defeated for President by Grover Cleveland in 1884.

Just Folks. By Edgar A. Guest. WITH THE YOUNGSTERS. I don't know how to say it, but if such a thing could be, I'd always like to have a pack of youngsters trailing me;

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