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Why the Public Suffers Many Things.

"The public won't take its own part." In these almost forgotten words, Theodore Roosevelt diagnosed a chronic civic disease which interferes with the proper functions of government and paralyzes all public and private business.

If the public had sure convictions on the peace treaty and would make them known, the senate would not postpone for partisan purposes the proclamation of peace for which the whole world waits in suspense.

If the public would think its way to a basis for industrial peace, there would be at least a compulsory investigation of labor disputes, and enforcement of decisions which would give labor just wages and proper conditions, capital a fair return on investment.

The present chaos in industry and politics has come about because the public in democratic America has learned to trust its interests entirely to government with something of the blind devotion to the state which placed Prussian autocracy in the saddle and wrought the ruin of the German people.

Nearly every industry and business in North Carolina is today suffering from the restrictions which the coal strike has forced on the use of heat, light and power.

Four hundred thousand miners throw down their tools and every business in Asheville and its neighboring communities in this section feels the paralysis that strikes through the nerves and muscles of industry.

The Principle in Article X.

Peace treaty critics who assert that President Wilson exceeded his powers and agreed to an unheard of proposition in Article X show ignorance or willful disregard of war history.

In the negotiations which preceded the armistice, the allied governments and Germany accepted as conditions of peace the principles laid down by Mr. Wilson in his address to congress on January 8, 1918.

A general association of nations must be formed under specific covenants for the purpose of affording mutual guarantees of political independence and territorial integrity to great and small states alike.

Local Coal Prices.

A letter in today's Citizen suggests by inference that coal dealers in Asheville are profiteering. In studying the figures presented in this communication, it should be kept in mind that the government fixed price at the mine has only been in effect for a few weeks.

Business Hours Fixed At Last.

The regional coal committee has definitely ruled against the request to exempt Asheville from the fuel conservation order except under conditions announced last Sunday.

One may wonder, in an academic way, why the regional committee is opposed to wood chopping. It is recommended as an ideal exercise, and was in good repute through the example of Gladstone and Roosevelt before William Hohenzollern took it up as an antidote to inaction and unrest incident to exile.

Jenkins' Release.

Consul Jenkins' release will probably automatically restrain the recently liberated feelings of congress. Whatever the reason for Mexico's delay in this matter, Carranza has carried the experiment with American patience as far as he desires at this time.

But Jenkins was not the cause of the Mexican problem, and his negotiated exit from the Puebla penitentiary will not bring peace and order in the harassed country below the Rio Grande.

Apparently the most important development in the conference of President Wilson and Senators Fall and Hitchcock on the Mexican crisis was the discovery by republicans that Mr. Wilson is, to quote Senator Fall, "mentally alert and perfectly able to cope with any question with which he might have to deal."

Digging coal is an occupation which nature denied to the inhabitants of North Carolina.

SENATORIAL SYMPATHY.

"British," says a report, "has asked the United States to send an army of 200,000 men to Armenia to protect the Christian inhabitants."

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

WORK FOR SOLDIERS.

Editor of The Citizen: Will you allow me a few lines in your paper? What are we doing for our returned soldiers? The strongest, most robust and best educated can get no work.

From time to time I have read the letters appearing on the editorial page of The Citizen, under heading "The Voice of the People."

The subject which I want to call your attention to is the one which the nation is today facing with very much concern. That is the coal situation.

During the last eight years I have worked in and around coal mines, being a miner as well as an operator, and during this time I have failed to find anywhere that either the operator or miner has any concern for the public in general.

A COAL MAN.

THE SCISSORS ROUTE

COAL WAGE CALCULATIONS.

Whatever decision may be reached in the coal wage controversy, the only test by which its merit can be tried is the production of coal. There is no known method of compelling some hundreds of thousands of men to work against their wills.

BROWN'S LUCK.

"Poor Brown is mighty unlucky," said Smith. "While on his vacation on the farm he was digging in a hole for a skunk and he broke his ankle."

THE PROHIBITION VIEW.

The prohibitionist's definition of demobilization evidently is the "period between the last war and the next."

Daily Reminder

"IN THE DAY'S NEWS."

General Alvaro Obregon, who is reported to have broken with President Carranza, has held the post of minister of war in the Mexican government for several years.

TODAY'S ANNIVERSARIES.

1421—Henry VI. of England, the last monarch of the Lancasterian dynasty, born at Windsor. Killed in the Tower, May 21, 1471.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS.

Henry W. Blair, former United States senator from New Hampshire, born at Campton, N. H., 43 years ago today.

Edward H. Sothorn, one of the foremost actors of the American stage, born in New Orleans, 60 years ago today.

Rear Admiral William H. G. Bullard U. S. N., director of naval communications, born at Media, Pa., 53 years ago today.

NOTICE. To Hugh LeBarbe, J. E. Freestley, Jas. V. Miller, Eliza Cain, V. L. Gudger, Frank Samuel, Fred Duncan, Mary Deley, J. H. Bogue, D. E. Penland, C. C. Willis, Cora, Boots, J. C. Corpening, Johannab Stockinger, L. A. Henry, Robert Hoffman, O. L. Fitzgerald, C. F. Aiken, Albert C. Dunn, E. J. Grissett, E. E. Anderson, Jos. C. Alberts, John D. Miller, Katie B. Tom, Fannie M. Wilson, T. B. Allison, Elizabeth J. Tiddy, T. L. Rollins, Bruce F. Lindsey, Julius Lowenberg, J. K. Glenn, Nimon L. Welch and to other persons interested in the report of the City Engineer filed in the office of the Secretary-Treasurer of the City of Asheville, assessing the cost of constructing a certain asphalt concrete paving against you, which paving runs on Madison Ave. from Chestnut St. to Hillside St. in said city.

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