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SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE... THE E. KATZ SPECIAL ADVERTISING AGENCY...

Sunday, December 7, 1919.

A Gentleman of the Old School. In the death of Capt. Francis Nash Waddell the state loses another of those disappearing figures that linked the old south to the new.

These men of the south, who for four years kept aloft the Stars and Bars of the Confederacy in a conflict whose odds would have daunted spirits of less heroic mould, will soon be known no more in the flesh.

The Dixie Highway. For ten years the automobile tourists of the west and northwest have sought a good road through the mountains of Kentucky, Tennessee and North Carolina...

With the completion of the last few links of this road from the Great Lakes to the southern tip of Florida, Western Carolina will be fed by great arteries of travel that will bring thousands of tourists to the mountains where hundreds now come.

Ten years ago automobile tourists found only one good road into Asheville, the Asheville-Greenville highway, and it was impassable on the spoutain divide in bad weather.

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ciency in all lines of labor than ever before. It is thought that the way to restore dollars to real value is to make them circulate faster in the purchase of diminishing supplies of commodities.

The Predominant Rights of the Public.

Whether or not it is expedient to enact federal laws prohibiting strikes or lockouts in vital industries, it is certain that history now being written in the industrial conflict is making advocates of anti-strike laws among the great masses of those who suffer from resort to force by employee or employer.

Labor insists that the strike is its only defense against involuntary servitude. Capital claims the right equally, an equitable, to shut the factory doors on workers when it does not choose or is unable to grant its terms.

But the government and the public would not allow railroad managers or coal operators to suspend operations in a dispute with labor, and the public will some day ask why the workers are allowed to tie up industries essential to the health and welfare of all the people.

In his message to congress President Wilson laid down this principle on the right to strike: "The right of individuals to strike is inviolate, but there is a predominant right of the government to protect all of its people against a class of people."

Individuals have a clear right to quit work, and yet the law of contracts may be invoked to enforce the performance of agreement or to secure damages for non-fulfillment of contract.

Labor has served its cause badly by arguing against anti-strike laws before congressional committees and at the same time carrying out a strike that restores in the entire country the conditions of its allegations that in this unlawful strike the miners are abetted by operators, the situation is only another agreement to convince the people that through governmental action all industry must be brought under more drastic regulation by law.

An Agreement That Will Be Welcome.

The Citizen rejoices that there is some prospect of an agreement between the city and the public service car drivers. The chauffeurs have finally realized that the public patience is exhausted and that people are not longer going to be held up by them.

We submit that this is too much for a minimum fare, and we suggest to the commissioners, if a new table of rates is to be adopted, that investigation be first made in other cities, as a guide to what should be charged in Asheville.

The people generally will co-operate with the commissioners in an effort to do what is right and just between the public and the public service cars. The commissioners stand as the protectors to the public and the car drivers.

Mexican Excitement Subsides. The sudden collapse of war spirit in congress with the release of Consul Jenkins shows that men like Senator Fall are not concerned with the real issues in Mexico.

Let the Mexican official class don't want any protectorate and the central and South American countries would probably "view with alarm" such a solution of the Mexican difficulty.

New Fire Hazards. The Christmas season is always one when fire hazards are increased. This year in Asheville, under the conditions of heat and light conservation, danger of fire will be more serious than usual.

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THE HOLLAND LETTER.

It is a somewhat startling statement attributed to the head of the department of mines, Mr. Manning, in which he is reported to have said that the maximum production of oil in the United States will have been reached by the year 1922.

There can be no doubt that the leaders in the oil industry are somewhat apprehensive lest there come within a few years so great a reduction in the production of oil as seriously to impair the industry. They are therefore now doing what the leaders in the copper industry are undertaking.

So also the leaders in the oil industry are causing searches to be made in many parts of the world in the hope that there can be discovered vast resources in oil which have not yet been exploited. An American concession has been obtained for some 100,000 square miles of land in the northern coast of Peru inland some six hundred miles.

The Oil in Texas. Some of the experts who are able men of science and who have made a study of oil geology are now saying that almost all of so-called Central West Texas, or a region extending north or south for two hundred miles, contains very large pools of petroleum.

It is to be from Texas that the new oil supply will be sufficient to make it necessary for the director of the mines to revise his opinion that the oil industry will reach its maximum oil production within the next few years? Will it be with Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas production that the oil industry can rely upon putting forward many years beyond 1922 of the date when we shall have reached our maximum oil production?

Whatever may be the effect of the exploitation of new oil territory and however prolonged may be the delay in the production of American oil is reached, it is certain that new methods of conservation of oil are needed, perhaps under governmental supervision and direction.

THE SCISSORS ROUTE

THE STATE'S MAGNIFICENT ASSET. (Charlotte Observer.)

The practical abandonment of passenger service on the Mount Mitchell railroad last summer was an incident which should have given concern to the entire state. This "scenic" route is a wonderful asset to the state, and was just coming into appreciation by the tourist world.

A FREAK. (From The Portland Argus.) Theodore Roosevelt's doctrine and policies will govern the republican party's dealing with industrial problems, says Chairman Hays.

LOGGERS' BAD LEADERSHIP. (From The Chicago Evening Post.) Futility, that is the result of Lodge's fight this year to get a hearing for his scheme to abolish the republican majority in the senate to complete non-accomplishment.

WAR OR PEACE.

The United States senate, under the leadership of Henry Cabot Lodge, has decided that our glorious union should be preserved.

And in this glorious crusade for God and humanity we draw Wilson into the nation's chief; but the American people must put a veto on that blessed consummation, and it is doubtful if the senate, as now constituted and as now led, will allow us to be even a follower in the Heaven-inspired procession.

What is this Lodge-ism? Why, that we be a member of the league, but if it becomes necessary to employ economic suasion or military force to avert war, other members of the league must do nothing, and we are not to be a member of the league.

When our union was made, the big states were Virginia, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. Suppose one or all of these had insisted on "reservations" that would relieve it or them of responsibility and of duty, and impose the same on others? How long would our glorious union have lasted?

But the most odious and the most ignoble element of Lodge-ism is the insolence it employs to insult England, France, and Japan. It was persistently and idiotically argued by senatorial children of Cain that our allies in the world war were resolved to visit ruin on the United States.

Civilization has some mighty tasks to go in the near future if the daughters of the Philippines are not to hold long revel and wanton wassal in the world to the confusion and despair of everything that is noble in mankind.

DAILY REMINDER

Wm. Cardinal O'Connell, who celebrates his 60th birthday today, is one of the American members of the Sacred College of Cardinals, the other being the venerable Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore.

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TODAY'S ANNIVERSARIES. 1829—Henry Timrod, celebrated poet, born at Charleston S. C. 1845—Jefferson Davis entered congress as a representative from Miss. 1882—The Australian colonies resolved in favor of union. 1885—End of the great strike of coal miners in the Monongahela valley. 1887—Johann Most, the New York anarchist, was sentenced to one year's imprisonment for uttering incendiary language. 1907—King Oscar II of Sweden died at Stockholm. Born there, Jan. 31, 1829. 1914—Great British naval victory off the Falkland Islands. 1915—Washington sent a note to the central powers demanding satisfaction for violation of American sea rights in sinking of Ancona. 1916—Rumanian army surrendered to General Allenby and the British forces. 1917—Jerusalem surrendered to General Allenby and the British forces.

HICKORY PREPARES FOR SECRETARY DANIELS VISIT Lenoir College Endowment Fund Reaches the \$42,000 Mark. (Special to The Citizen) HICKORY, Dec. 6.—With Clyde R. Hoey's address here last night with Lieutenant-Governor Gardner on the program for next Tuesday night and Secretary Josephus Daniels billed for Wednesday night, democrats in this section will know the issues from the democratic standpoint. Mr. Hoey was greeted by a large audience which was enthusiastic for him. In the campaign for the nomination he had many warm partisans and he has a working force back of his candidacy.

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