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## Daniels and Duke. Power and Prejudice,

The Hon, Josephus Daniels, editor of The Raleigh News and Observer, has a perfect right to teak for the "common" folks of North Carolina. he has earned that right by having stood so squarely to what we are pleased to call "the people," in every instance where an issue arose between the people and the privileged few. While a member of President Wilson's cabinet this distinguished North Carolinian on many occasions spoke the word or performed the act that made men and women, just "common folks," know they had a friend at court.

But in this matter of granting an increase in rates to the Southern Power company it seems that Mr. Daniels, either through his being out of touch with those he would help, or because of his long dislike of one Mr. Duke and his business methods, is, we fear, making a serious mistake.
Mr. Duke may be the very kind of autocrat that
Mr. Daniels pictures him—we're not debating
that question at all. We are interested in the the action of the corporation commission will have upon the men and women of industry and through them upon the community in general. It occurs to The Herald that the only question that should be considered is that of whether it is better for the people of North Carolina to grant the increase in rates asked for, and have our industries expand and grow, or whether it is better to refuse the increase, and trust to some other source for power for running the machinery of our in-creased industries, if, indeed, there should be such increase when the power is not available.

As stated in these columns last week, The Her-ald knows nothing whatever about the cost of and knows nothing whatever about the cost of creating hydro-electric power. We have a corporation commission, and other representatives of the peoples whose duty it is to protect the citizens of North Carolina against unfair charges for any kind of service. If our present form of government is to continue we must have a certain confidence in the integrity of our state offi-cials. Even should there be no honor whatever among the office holders, the people are not entirely unsafe, because our officials dare not commit any flagrant violation of the trust that has been imposed in them, for they know that such action on their part would be political suicide, not only for themselves, but for their political party as

so we're willing to leave the matter of the justice of the proposed increase to those state officials whose duty it is to see that the state's interests are duly protected.

The Herald is deeply interested in the matter

because of the fact that this question so vitally affects the wage-earners of the state. We know something of the increased numbers of industrial workers in North Carolina since the construction to understand the city's interset in of the first dam in the state from which power was sent out through the wires to drive the machinery in the various enterprises where men and women work for wages. We know it to be producers. The argument is made by some that the wanting all with declare the whole word and then see to he was sent out through the wires to drive the machinery in the various enterprises where men and women work for wages. We know it to be producers. The argument is made by some that to the best interest of the wage-earners for established industries to expand and new industrial enterprises to enter the field. Both these processes make a bigger demand for labor, and demand for labor always brings increased wages to the workers. We also know that many industries in this section have been forced to close down at intervals because of lack of sufficient power to drive all the machinery. This clearly proves that the already established industries cannot expand, nor can new industries be established, unless and until there is more power available. If we stop now in our industrial expansion, with an already over-supply of labor, it means nothing but stagnation for the state.

Farm machinery has made it possible for a comparatively few farmers to produce more than can be advantageously disposed of by our agricultural forces, therefore hundreds and thousands of people have left the farms and sought work in the factories. In addition to our own state's contribution of men, women and children to the industries, there have been added thousands of people from South Carolina and Georgia, an smaller numbers from other states—all attracted to North Carolina by reason of this state's superior advantages over those other states, and these adantages are largely the result of the supply of

dro electric current available for manufactur This is especially true in the ranks of organized in the ranks of organized where the Raleigh editor has hosts of the labor where the Raleigh editor has hosts of the ranks of organized labor where the Raleigh editor has hosts of labor, where the Raleigh editor has hosts of friends. Yet Mr. Daniels must admit that Mr. Duke's water power development has meant more to the working people of the state than any other one element that has entered as a factor into the industrial life of North Carolina. Our rivers and creeks and their smaller tributaries have been flowing down our mountainsides for countless centuries, and Mr. Duke is one of the pioneers in harnessing these streams and using them in creating a demand for the services of the workers. Then is Mr. Daniels really serving the best interests of his friends among the workers when he endeavors to prevent any further development of power, without which our industries must stop where they are?

The span of human life is short. Nothing is more certain than death. According to all laws of nature Mr. Duke will, within a few short years, lay down the working tools of life and enter that place from whose bourne no traveler ever returns. He cannot take the Southern Power company with him. All the dams and dynamos to them.

and the transmission lines and the factories they feed and the machinery they run and homes they light will remain here for generations to come to enjoy. This state will always be governed, so long as civilization lasts, by men and women who will see to it that the interests of the citizens of the state will be protected. Mr. Duke and his activities cannot, under any circumstances, very seriously hurt North Carolina. Even his most bitter enemies and relentless foes must admit that Mr. Duke's activities so far in the development

of power has been of untold value to the state. Surely no one can entertain any very serious fears of Mr. Duke's activities in the future.

This increase will apply, as we understand it, to the users of power alone. It cannot mean anything in comparison with the loss to the state in wages that must follow if our industries are to grow no more.

We know that increased power is necessary to the industrial development of the state. We know that the workers will be greatly benefitted through the expansion and growth of our

Then if the Southern Power proves to the corporation commission that the increase is necessary to the further development of hydro-electric power, then the increase should be granted at

If there are those who can produce the current cheaper than Mr. Duke's company can produce it, they should, as good citizens, get busy

and turn on the juice.

This question is too big, and means too much who must live on their earnings in the industries, to allow personal prejudices to stand

in the way of the state's advancement.

Mr. Daniels is too big, too splendid in his friendship for the toilers, to block any movement that has for its purpose a further development of

#### EDUCATION AND FREEDOM.

(By Calvin Coolidge, President of the U. S.) Our country adopted the principle of self-gove ernment by a free people.

Those who are worthy of being free were

Rates and Rakings worthy of being educated. Those who had the duty and responsibility of Those who had the duty and responsibility of government must necessarily have the education to discharge the obligations of citizenship.

The sovereign had to be educated. The sovereign had become the people. Every American citizen is entitled to a liberal

Without this there is no guarantee for the per manence of free institutions, no hope of per-Despotism finds its chief support in ignorance.
Knowledge and freedom go hand in hand.

#### EDUCATION AND DEMOCRACY.

(By Samuel Gompers, President of A. F. of L.)
It is not enough to have understanding and ood education among the few.
What we require is good understanding and

good education en masse.

We must in the mass understand the problems with which we must deal as a democratic people. We can advance and develop democracy but little faster than we can advance and develop the average level of intelligence and knowledge with-

the democracy.
That is the problem that confronts modern

That is the problem that confronts democracy

That was courtesy personified, good breeding in abundance, sportsmanship of the purest kind, and an exhibition of community spirit that has but few equals when Ivey's Store extended such a genuine welcome to Efird's new store on North Tryon street. These two giant business houses will face each other in their new homes, and naturally will be competitors in bidding for the patronage of the people of Charlotte. Ivey's store has been on North Tryon street for many years, while Efird's new Tryon street store is being opened to the public today for the first time. It was Efird's opening that gave Ivey's store an opportunity to extend a welcome to Efird's coming to Tryon street. Efird's big business has been built largely upon courtesy, and Ivey's could not have shown courtesy to a more worthy institution. This spirit, coming from the biggest business houses of Charlotte, means much for the future of the Queen City.

#### DOES THIS TAX PAY?

Many farmers of Mecklenburg county are not entirely satisfied with the one dollar tax each farmer has to pay to the city for bringing or shipping his milk into Charlotte. Some of them are shipping to other points. While it is easy outside cities ship butter, for instance, into Charlotte in large quantities, and the city authorities have no power to examine such deim and the city authorities most important features. have no power to examine such dairy products. Mecklenburg farmers are of the opinion that the removal of this one dollar tax would tend to promote a better feeling and cause a growth in the dairy business of the county.

#### AN IDEAL PLACE.

That Charlotte will have a city hall location second to no other city in the whole world is the verdict of all people who know the Liddell property. Right in the actual center of Charlotte, with plenty of space, and great shade trees already there, the location is most ideal for a city hall and city center.

If the county and city could bury the hatchet and build together, Charlotte and Mecklenburg would indeed have a place that would call for the admiration of all visitors to the Queen City.

The Herald hopes the city dads will, while erecting their new home, provide a hall that shall be known as a community hall—a place where any group of citizens may meet and discuss and transact any kind of business they want to, so long as it is of a public nature.

#### PUBLISHING THE NEWS.

The news published in any newspaper naturally does not please everybody. To produce a newspaper that would gratify the whims and de-sires of every individual would be a difficult job and would probably result in a newsless journal. Keeping incidents out of the paper or coloring them to suit the viewpoints of certain readers is

unfair to the general run of patrons. The newspapers do not make the news. They make events public after they have happened or chronicle those who are scheduled for the future. They are not responsible for court trials, arrests, bootleg raids, labor conventions, political activities and the other happening in daily life. It is their duty to publish what has occurred, color-less and free from editorial opinion.—Evansville (Ind.) Labor Forum.

If a young man is worthless you can tell it by the way he smokes a cigarette.

Remember the thrill you used to get when you received a telegram or a special delivery

Considering our stupidities the amazing fact is that we get along as well as we do.

Some fellows expect opportunity to make love

the state of the s

#### **Letters To The Editor**

A PLUTOCRATIC PRAYER MEETING REPORTED BY MULWEE

ditor, The Herald: My Dearly Beloved Brothers and Sisters: I am going to open the services this morning by reading the 9999th Sam which reads thusly:

"Mammon is my shepherd, I shall not want. "He leadeth me into pleasant places and permitteth me to reap where I have not sown.
"He provideth me a yatch to ride on the waters; and an automobile to go spinning down the pike. He permitteth me to lie in a good soft bed till late in the morning, and lie to the people till late.

"He installeth me in high places and permitteth me to make laws and appoint courts.

"Yea, though, I am hauled up before his honor, he delivereth me out of the hands of justice and

lecteth me to Congress. "He filleth my pockets with gold and my belly with yellow-legged chicken.
"Surely I have the goods and the money and the power to tax the people and I am going to dwell in the house of mammon forever."

And now I am going to ask Deacon Ekinnum

"Oh Mammon, thou great pussel-gutted god whom we adore, who ruleth the nations with a whom we adore, who ruleth the nations with a mighty hand, we humbly bend our buttery bones before thee to worship thy gold-plated name. And we humbly beg of thee, Mammon, to bless us with bigger showers of gold. And we thank thee, O Mamonn, for keeping the working people humble and obedient so they won't kick when we take more than our share of what they make; for they are a simple minded set of neonle and for they are a simple minded set of people and

attend to that bunch of workers at North Char- Good as new-at very low

"And now, Oh Mammon, we humbly beg of thee to bless this congregation; bless the parson's big salary and fill him so full of unction that he will spill over and won't look at a working man if he

meets one on the street.
"Bless that fine feather on Sister Coalprofit's ha,t for it is a daisy. Bless that silver buckle on Sister Sugarprofit's No. 3 slipper she has on her No. 4 foot. Bless Sister Meatprofit's low necked dress and all of her bosom that the law will permit her to expose to the public.
"And now, O Mammon, we ask a special bless

ing for Sister Clothingprofit's short skirt that enables her to show the longest part of her hind leg as she steps up into her twelve thousand dollar automobile. Now, O Mammon, hear us and give us almost all that is made in the world, and we will give thee the praise. Amen."

And we will now sing the following hymn:

"Here are our purses filled with gold, Drawn from the toiler's hand; We tax them all both young and old, Through profits, rents, and land.

We sock it to them day and night, They pay in cash or notes; To be our slaves is their delight, They prove it by their votes.

The congregation will now rise to its feet and

"And now may the Spirit of Mammon be with us all while we go out to continue skinning the world. Selah." J. A. MULWEE,

USURY AND GOSPEL FULLNESS.

Editor, The Herald! One of the outstanding tenets of Biblical history both in the old and new Testament is the

anti-usury doctrine.

From Moses to St. John the teaching is clear and prominent. Moses, Jeremiah, Nehemiah, Jesus and Paul all stressed the anti-usury doctrine, and all used the term "usury" in the sense as we now use the term "interest." sense as we now use the term "interest." All interest was usury when spoken of by Bible writers. Have we any laws in keeping with this teaching? teaching? None whatever. Was it God's plan that ministers should declare

only a part of his gospel? Surely not. If they are true and full exponents of his gospel they will declare the whole word and then see to it

most important features, thus leaving the world to plod along with only a partial exposition of truths that are vital both to the moral and physical well-being of the race.

Why do they not wake up at this time when the whole world is sick for lack of light and wisdom and needs the gospel in its rounded fullness to bring peace, justice and contentment? The world can never become normal in a godly way on a half ration of spiritual truth. It can never be a half ration of spiritual truth. It can never be "filled with His knowledge and glory" while our ministry are only willing to expound a partial gospel, and are willing to translate into law only a partial knowledge of God's inexorable decrees. The ministry should awake and realize that the world's terrible unrest is mainly tracable to the sin of usury. By searching truly they will perceive that economic justice is an inverse illiterated. perceive that economic justice is an impossibility

while this universal sin of usury is the reigning law of the land. The proper and just distribution of the fruits of labor can never be brought about under a usurious system of finance. Labor can never be made to reap its due rewards as long as idle usurers are in position to demand and actually collect eight or ten billion dellars worth of labor's

products annually in the United States.

The strong hand of the oppressor will always stay the hand of toil in its attempts to grasp its own, just as long as "special privilege laws" grant to usurers the power to control our markets and

Penury and want will continue to go hand in hand with toil as long as idling profiteers in money, land and goods are allowed to hoard these things and become the sole masters of supply and

The power of the pulpit is needed to inspire in men and women a civic pride that will lead them to demand of Congress a law which will destroy

the ungodly reign of usurers. P. A. SPAIN, M. D. Paris, Texas.

Easy come and easy go, never referred to the fellow who rides to and from work on a street

One would expect a woman's club to serve good food; I visited a woman's club the other day and the food was even better than I expected.

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Speaking of white mule, two rustic sports were uncertainly flivvering their way home from the county seat.

"Bill," said Henry. "I wancha to be careful. First thing y' know you'll have us in a ditch." "Me?" said Bill in astonishment;

'why, I thought you was drivin'!"-Minneapolis Journal.

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