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Daniels and Duke, Power and Prejudice, Rates and Rakings

The Hon. Josephus Daniels, editor of The Raleigh News and Observer, has a perfect right to speak for the "common" folks of North Carolina.

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 effect the action of the corporation commission will have upon the men and women of industry, and through them upon the community in general.

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.

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.

Now as to whether or not Mr. Duke is the proper man to be at the head of this great industrial power system may be a debatable question.

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 hours no traveler ever returns.

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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.

We know that increased power is necessary to the industrial development of the state.

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 to those 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 our state.

EDUCATION AND FREEDOM.

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

Those who are worthy of being free were worthy of being educated.

Without this there is no guarantee for the permanence of free institutions, no hope of perpetuating self-government.

EDUCATION AND DEMOCRACY.

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

We must in the mass understand the problems with which we must deal as a democratic people.

That is the problem that confronts modern educators.

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 Ehrd's new store on North Tryon street.

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.

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PUBLISHING THE NEWS.

The news published in any newspaper naturally does not please everybody. To produce a newspaper that would gratify the whims and desires of every individual would be a difficult job and would probably result in a newsless journal.

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

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

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Letters To The Editor

A PLUTOCRATIC PRAYER MEETING REPORTED BY MULWEE

Editor, 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 permitteeth me to reap where I have not sown."

"He provideth me a yacht to ride on the waters; and an automobile to go spinning down the pike. He permitteeth me to lie in a good soft bed till late in the morning, and lie to the people till late at night."

"He installeth me in high places and permitteeth 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 cleareth me to Congress."

"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 Alive to lead us in prayer.

"Oh Mammon, thou great pussel-gutted god whom we adore, who run the nations with a mighty No. 4 foot humbly bend thy contrary honies 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 blessing 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 be dismissed.

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

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 same sense as we now use the term "interest."

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 that the laws of our land are written true to this declaration.

Why do they not wake up at this time when the whole world is sick for lack of light and wisdom and need the gospel in its fullestness 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 "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 traceable to the sin of usury. By searching truly they will 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 users are in position to demand and actually collect eight or ten billion dollars 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 prices.

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 demand.

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.

Paris, Texas. P. A. SPAIN, M. D.

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

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.

Some people become terribly lonesome when they are left alone with their thoughts.

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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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