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A PRIVATE CONVERSATION PUBLICLY CONTINUED.

Hon. E. R. Preston, Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Mr. Preston:

I have been thinking about our conversation a few days ago, and the startling statement you made at that time. You recall saying to me that many people believe the Labor Union places a limit upon the maximum earnings of members. Of course you do not believe any such rot, for you have made a study of the question. It is difficult to understand how any one can believe any such thing.

The Labor Union does endeavor to establish a MINIMUM wage for members of the various crafts, but as for placing a MAXIMUM limit on the earnings of the members—that is far from the intention of the organization.

Why, friend, the union wants its members to get ALL they can for the work they do.

Take the Bar association, for illustration. The lawyers have agreed upon certain minimum prices they will charge for certain services. Yet many lawyers receive much more than the sum stated as the minimum for services rendered. Perhaps it is because the particular lawyer receiving the higher fee is above the average as an attorney, therefore he demands and receives more for his services than the average lawyer would receive.

The same is true of the organization of the workers. A minimum wage is established, wherever possible, but as to the maximum—the Union holds the sky to be the limit.

Sometimes there are members of our organization who kick and growl and cuss because some other worker is being paid over the scale. That is human nature, and cannot be charged up against the union any more than the kicking and growling and cussing of some lawyer when another lawyer receives a fat fee can be charged up against the Bar association.

The Labor Union, Mr. Preston, is just an organization of men banded together even as the lawyers, the doctors, the merchants, the bankers, and all other particular groups of men who are engaged in a particular line of work or endeavor. The members of the Labor Union are just folks, like all other people, imbued with the same hopes, aims and aspirations for advancement and gain. Of course you and all men who are liberal and who have made an honest effort to study men and conditions recognize these facts, and also recognize and respect the rights of the workers and their organization just as you want to be respected by others.

Thanking you for your interest, and hoping for another long talk with you on questions of common interest, I am,

Respectfully yours,

J. F. E.

LET'S GO; LET'S GROW.

Come on, Charlotte, and take in that township proposition some one has been talking about. This expansion is necessary. Now that Myers Park has thrown its charter away, there is nothing at present in the way. If the matter is delayed until another session of the legislature, there'll be another charter asked for by a certain community that should now be in Charlotte proper. Let's get some action on this proposition. Say something about it. If you favor it, say so. If you're opposed to it say so. Come on! Winston-Salem is as big as it can ever be, unless a portion of the State of Virginia is attached. Greensboro is hedged in and is full grown. Asheville has cut down the Battery Park hill and must now remove Beaucatcher Mountain if it ever grows any more, and that will take a thousand years to accomplish. Wilmington is dead and won't be resurrected until two or three families completely die out. Raleigh wouldn't grow if it could. Durham is content to watch Chapel Hill grow.

So there is nothing in the way of Charlotte taking the lead right now and holding the title of the State's biggest city until the county has a new court house, and that will be after Gabriel toots his trumpet. Call your election, or get the Chamber of Commerce together, or whatever it is that is necessary to extend the city lines to the present township lines.

The further away Secretary Fall went, the better he walked. When leaving for the home of his son-in-law in El Paso, it took half a dozen St. Louis, so the papers stated. We, Mr. Shrdh folks to help the "stricken" man change trains at St. Louis, so the papers stated. Well, Mr. Fall arrived in El Paso Saturday, and the same papers say he alighted from the train, unaided, was but little changed from the last time he was in El Paso, and walked with a firm step. Yep, in Washington Secretary Fall was seriously ill; in St. Louis, unable to walk alone; in El Paso healthy. Gosh-All-Hemlock!

SIT STEADY IN THE BOAT—THERE ARE MILLIONS OF HONEST MEN IN AMERICA.

It is with alarm we listen to the condemnation heaped upon the grafters in Washington who have been stealing from the government, and the resultant expressions that tend to show the loss of confidence in public officials. The particular individuals who have grafted on the government deserve all the condemnation that has been meted out to them. The danger lies in forming the opinion and arriving at the conclusion that all public men are crooks, simply because a few, a very few, men have taken from the public treasury monies that did not belong to them.

Let labor especially, and everybody generally, recall organized labor's past. We have had some crooks in the labor movement, crooks who were discovered and kicked out of the organization. Labor suffered because there were so many people ready to cuss ALL Labor Union officials simply because a few were found to be crooks. This nation will surely suffer if we lose confidence in ALL public officials, simply because a few officials of the government are proven crooks.

Thank God, the country is filled with honest men, able men, and the nation does not need the crooks who have gouged it. Let them be kicked out, of course, but let us sit steady in the boat in the meantime, ever buoyed with the knowledge that the country is filled with honest men ready to conduct the affairs of state and nation.

It is good for the country to have this house-cleaning, yet it is necessary that we do not fall into the error of condemning all public officials because of the crookedness of a few.

Let labor especially keep in mind the damage that has been done the labor movement because of the one great fault of the American people, that is, of condemning all men because of the bad faith of a few.

So sit steady in the boat. Condemn with all vigor the crooks in the government—but defend with the same degree of intense feeling all those good men who are faithfully and conscientiously serving the people of America.

Kick the crooks, but keep the faith with the honest men—and let us thank God again that the country is filled with men above reproach.

SELF-HELP BEST FOR FARMERS

Evidence accumulates that the progressive farmers of the nation are gradually coming around to the view that the only solution of their problems lies within themselves.

Latest to endorse the plan that has proved so successful in the case of the organized workers is the National Council of Farmers' Cooperative Marketing Associations. At a recent meeting in Washington the council declared that the depressed condition of the farmer is an economic problem and can be solved "only by the wise application of sound economic remedies by the farmers themselves." The principal difficulty of the farmer is the "lack of an efficient system of marketing his products and the remedy is a system of cooperative marketing," the council declared, adding that price-fixing by the Government would "ultimately bring ruin to the farmers and endanger the government."

Labor has learned that it must depend upon itself for enduring results. Economic action brings greater benefits to the workers than other methods. The farmers of the nation have yet to learn that the same principle applies to themselves but evidently they are awakening. They are beginning to realize that there is no salvation through politics and politicians. As Samuel Gompers said at the National Wheat Conference at Chicago in June of last year:

"If the farming interests of America can devise no sounder method of maintaining their proper place in the economic scheme of things than a resort to legislative cure-alls, they are inevitably doomed to disappointment. I see no reason why farmers need to expect hope from anything that does not also offer hope for labor; and labor long since abandoned any dream of salvation through politicians."

So the state is to aid the negroes in their fight against tuberculosis. That's mighty fine. When the state does that thing, it is also helping the white race fight tuberculosis. One of the very best weapons the state can use in its battle on tuberculosis among the colored population, is to have the cities take some care of the negroes. The houses the negroes live, the dirty streets and filthy alleys surrounding the houses, the congestion of the living quarters of the negroes, constitute a regular incubator for breeding tuberculosis. Why start at Sanatorium, as it is suggested? Of course the work of the cure can be carried on there, but the work of prevention is the great thing. Take a trip through the negro section of Charlotte, or any other big city in the state, and you will then know why there is so much tuberculosis among that race. The hogs pens they live, and the conditions surrounding them, must be the first objective, if tuberculosis among negroes is to be eliminated, or even diminished.

CHARLOTTE HAS:

- Population of 61,744. Altitude of 780 feet. Six hotels with a total of 793 rooms. Seventy-two miles of paved streets. Annual revenue from taxation, \$1,000,000. Over 10 miles of cement sidewalks. One of the best street railway systems in the country. Five libraries, with over twenty-five thousand volumes. Over one hundred miles of domestic and storm sewers. Six hospitals and sanatoriums, all modern and fully equipped. Modern and efficient fire department, all motor-equipped. Seventeen public school buildings; 11,044 pupils; 270 teachers. Four railroad lines, with over one hundred trains daily, diverging in eight directions. Fourteen banks and trust companies, with total deposits of \$27,641,445, and combined resources of \$41,111,524.55. Annual payrolls of over twelve million dollars, from 162 widely diversified manufacturing and industrial plants. \$1,500,000 waterworks system, with daily pumping capacity of ten million gallons, and reservoir capacity of sixty million gallons. A college for young ladies; two schools for boys; one parochial school; two business colleges; one industrial institute; and one negro university.

"HUMANITY OR GOLD."

In was The Vancouver Sun, a Canadian newspaper, that wrote the finest editorial published about the death of Woodrow Wilson:

It follows: "It is significant, if not a pitiful, fact that those same Republican leaders who a few years ago convicted Woodrow Wilson of too much loyalty to the United States should today themselves stand convicted of too little loyalty to the United States and too much loyalty to their own pocket-books."

"Wilson, it seems, erred in his love for humanity. His enemies, it seems, err in their love for gold."

"This expose, following as it does on the death of Wilson, is going to force the people of the United States to choose between the idealists of Washington and the gold diggers of Washington."

"It does not signify a healthy condition in American politics that the lines should have to be thus sharply drawn."

"But the contrast between humanitarian Wilson and the rottenness of those who struck him down is too obvious and vivid to be lightly passed over."

"The government and people of the United States must face the fact that they will have to definitely decide themselves for higher humanity or for gold."

"Upon their choice will depend the political future of their nation."

DAUGHERTY IS NEXT!

Denby is gone; Daugherty is next. In fact, Daugherty should have gone first. Doggone him, go! Injunctions against honest men in the railroad shops throughout the country, and yelled his head off about law and order, obeying the law, the sanctity of the law, and all that, and sits absolutely still and inactive as attorney general throughout all this big steal from the government oil leases and lands. Daugherty is next!

THE REDS MENACE FREEDOM.

Communists are raving their heads off about immigration bills now before Congress. The Communists are not particular about describing these measures truthfully. They want something to rave about and truth never was anything for a Communist to be careful about.

The situation is this: There are hostile proposals before Congress. But the outlook is that nothing hostile to labor in the way of immigration legislation will be put through.

Perhaps the main reason for hostile bills is the existence of a Communist movement organized to promote revolution, together with the fact that the greater part of the Communist membership is foreign born or of foreign descent.

The more the Communists protest against hostile immigration legislation, the greater is the chance that such legislation may pass.

The Communists furnish one of the chief reasons for the registration proposal. The Communists want the doors left open, naturally, and they don't want any restrictions that might bar European Communists from America.

What the American Federation of Labor wants is exclusion. That would not only keep out Communists; it would keep out all low wage European competition with American standards of living.

"INVISIBLE GOVERNMENT" IS DEMOCRACY'S CEASELESS FOE.

Oil deals involving public officials make the terms "invisible government" and "the money power" grim realities.

The term "money power" is as old as the nation. It existed when the Revolutionary war debt was refunded by the federal government after "insiders" bought the claims of various states at a low figure. It was active in the civil war. It was responsible for "Black Friday" of '73, and it drove Liberty-bonds to two-thirds their value.

Reaction would ridicule these terms, but this is no answer to facts. The favorite defense of "invisible government" is to assume a scoffing pose; to jeer at those who keep before the public happenings that privilege would forget.

"How ridiculous!" "How amusing!" exclaim these confusers of the public mind, who even now snarl at the probers of Teapot Dome.

"Invisible government" is as active today as it was in other periods of our country's history. It was at its height following the Civil war, when Credit Mobilier and start route exposures, land rings and other thievery shook the nation.

Then, as now, the trail of corruption led to the president's cabinet.

"Invisible government" is a menace to democracy. It thrives just in proportion as citizens neglect their duties. When the people sleep, they are robbed. Physical things—natural resources—are taken from them. But, worse, they lose their ideals.

When man is given power, it is inherent that he strives to increase that power.

It makes no difference whether it be a Gary in industry, a royal autocrat, or a Russian soviet, the eternal law prevails that men or groups will extend their power if unchecked.

Trade unionists are aware of this characteristic in man, and their movement is shaped to protect itself.

The union system makes autocracy impossible. The unions encourage attendance at meetings, favor direct legislation, urge members to read their official journals and the labor press and to acquire a knowledge of trade union philosophy and methods.

Trade unionists would consider it an insult to their intelligence if they were asked to vote for men in their unions on the same ground that the hard-boiled secret agent of privilege appeals for popular suffrage.

If "invisible government" is to end, the people must make several changes in their natural life. They must be interested in government every day, rather than a few days; they must look upon politics as the science of government; they must know the danger of delegating too much power to others; they must consider it criminal for anyone to even suggest the disposal of natural resources.

The road democracy travels is rough. As years are measured, this governmental system is yet in its infancy.

Scandals will continue to disgrace and discourage believers in democracy as long as they vote for press-agented "statesmen" and permit private control of public credit and private exploitation of natural resources. Vigilance—eternal and intelligent—is the price liberty exacts.

Income Tax In A Nutshell

WHO? The following must file Income Tax Returns: All single persons with net income of \$1000 or more; All married persons with net income of \$2000 or more; All persons with gross income of \$5000 or more; All corporations; All partnerships; All fiduciaries.

RETURN? Returns must be filed by all who are liable whether they are taxable or non-taxable. All who pay wages or salaries of \$1000 must report same. Every person (whether due income tax or not) has the privilege of filing a return to make known his taxable or non-taxable status.

WHEN? Before the middle of March. WHERE? With U. S. Collector of Internal Revenue at Raleigh, N. C., or with any Deputy Collector.

HOW? Upon blank Income Tax Return forms furnished you upon your request.

WHAT IF YOU FAIL? EVERY person, partnership, fiduciary, corporation failing to file are therefore delinquent and subject to penalty or prosecution.

OBEY the law and thus not subject yourself to a penalty. Very respectfully, GILLIAM GRISSOM, U. S. Collector.

BOYS BUSY UP AT MOORESVILLE

Mooreville, Feb. 18.—The committee that attended the meeting in Charlotte yesterday (Sunday) got together this morning at 10:30 and decided to have a special called meeting this afternoon at 3 o'clock, and we had many members present at the 3 o'clock meeting and we explained about the campaign, and got the members interested and we have decided to put on a contest for new members. This contest will close on March 15th.

OPPOSE NIGHT WORK.

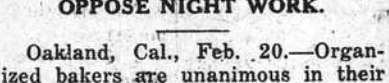
Oakland, Cal., Feb. 20.—Organized bakers are unanimous in their opposition to night baking, proposed by wholesale bakers. The workers say the plan has been rejected in this country and in Europe. With night baking there would be less vigilance by the health bureaus and by the department of weights and measures, the workers point out.

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ATTENTION, LAWYERS

The Herald began the publication last week of all the decisions of State and the United States Supreme Courts on cases affecting labor union, labor organizations, employer and employe. This series of opinions and explanations is prepared by the Legal Information Bureau of the American Federation of Labor, and is of great value to all lawyers. The articles are being published in such manner that they can be clipped and pasted in books, which will give a complete record of all cases in State and United States Courts on these questions.

The Herald is \$2 a year. Subscriptions received now will include the issue of January 25, the beginning of this series. This means that a lawyer can secure this valuable information complete for only two dollars—the regular subscription price to The Charlotte Herald.

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JIMISON GOING ON LECTURE PLATFORM

Rev. Tom P. Jimison, the "Labor Parson," will soon leave for a lecture tour covering the eastern and middle western states. The fame of the Spencer preacher has spread, and many calls have come for his lecture on "Hoboes."

Mr. Jimison is a wonderful speaker, and this recognition that comes to him is gratifying to his many friends throughout the state. For a great many years Tom Jimison has been fighting the battle of the wage-earner against those who would "keep labor in its place."

His whole story is told in a few words, words that appeal for an equal chance for all children, an appeal for that higher, nobler life and the opportunity to live that is the goal of every right thinking man and woman. He has made enemies, bitter enemies, in this battle he has waged with such consistency and persistence, but Tom Jimison pays but little heed to such enemies. In fact, he accepts their "enmity" as proof positive that he is right.

Mr. Jimison will delight the audiences that hear him in the east and middle west. He is an orator of the first water, an artist when it comes to painting word pictures that grip and hold the attention of his hearers.

URGING 48-HOUR IN SISTER STATE

"Urge the enactment of the 48-hour law in South Carolina," was the message the Charlotte Central Labor Union sent to the workers of South Carolina last Tuesday evening. The 48-hour law has been introduced in both houses of the Palmetto legislature, and it was to encourage them there that the Charlotte unionists sent the message.

The further message was sent that North Carolina will soon have the 48-hour law here.

Many other matters of importance pertaining to the organization campaign were acted upon, and while the heavy rains prevented many attending, the meeting was, however, unusually interesting.

8,000 TEAMSTERS STRIKE.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—Eight thousand members of Teamsters' union No. 731, suspended work to enforce a wage increase of 81 cents a day and reduce the work day from nine hours to eight hours.

HOW TO GET IT!

You have long dreamed of the time when you would own a home, your very own. But, you have possibly not taken the first necessary step in the direction of realizing your dreams.

What is that necessary step? Why, it's Save! Save! Save! How Shall I save? By taking shares in the MECKLENBURG BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION which is the best medium known for saving.

THROUGH BUILDING AND LOAN you can save and buy a home on your own terms and use the money in a hundred other ways to better your condition. To have an amount of cash available, whether large or small, is always a comfortable feeling. Our Fall Series opened Saturday, September 1st, but it will remain open for several weeks yet. Come in any day and take shares. MECKLENBURG BUILDING & LOAN ASSOCIATION 36 West Fifth Street C. H. ROBINSON, President A. G. CRAIG, Secy. & Treas.

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