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WHY BUSINESS STANDS STILL

It is not so very difficult to understand why it is that business is so far below normal and why it is going to continue below normal until certain fundamental laws of logic are enforced on the part of the major elements in trade and commerce.

In its strong entrenchments capital has been hesitant to make such concessions as a normal readjustment calls for from it. In other words, the capitalist world would pass the buck on to other agencies in the trade structure.

And labor, strongly fortified also, is disposed to insist that capital should bear the burden in the declension of prices, that even though the output of factories can not be sold at anything like former profits, this reduced income should not be passed over to the labor employed in the production of commodities.

Neither up to this time has suffered anything like the great body of American producers, the farmers. They are the people upon whom so far the burden of liquidation has fallen. Their losses run up into the many millions, losses which are actual and not fictitious.

Suppose that either capital or labor, as we have come to know those who own and maintain the mills and those who produce the finished goods in such mills, had been forced to such limits of loss as have faced the farmers? Or if the vast body of people in this country who sell had been forced to liquidate on the same basis as the farmers of the country, they, along with both capitalist and labor classes, would have found themselves in a condition more commensurate with the plight of the agricultural elements today.

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CITIES ARE READY

The municipalities of the State have prepared their case to submit to the council of State showing their balance sheets and their financial standing at this time for the purpose of convincing the authorities in Raleigh of the imperative necessity of a special session of the Legislature.

SEASON OF DIVIDENDS

The fact that the banks of Charlotte are passing out their usual dividends during this mid-year period may well give that part of the public which does not share in this good fortune cause for felicitation also as showing that the financial institutions of the community are running along at their normal gait.

EFFORT TOWARD MEDIATION IN TEXTILE CONTROVERSY

Mr. W. H. Hall has a communication in The News today relative to efforts which have been made toward a reconciliation in the cotton mill strike, showing what he, together with Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick and Mayor Walker, did in the interest of bringing the contending factions together.

Inquiring as to why there have been no results from the conference which developed between the employees and the employers through the agencies of these men, it is discovered that the spirit which animated the meeting had about as much to do with the fruitlessness of the effort as anything else, perhaps more than anything else: that there was no approach to the issue in question in a spirit of mutual interest and sympathy and that there was, rather, a disposition on the part of the representatives of the operatives to throw the entire burden of settlement upon the operators.

Did the representatives of the employees go to the mill managers and tell them that they had come into the conference for the purpose of discussing the situation with them in a perfectly friendly and harmonious fashion or did they come, on the other hand, rather with the attitude of "Well, you have sent for us; now what do you want?"

If the mill operatives would send a committee to the mill managers for the purpose of entering into a discussion of the merits of their case and with open minds to hear the mill managers discuss the merits of their attitude, and then, in this atmosphere of clear mutuality of interests, both would be willing to lay their cards fairly upon the table and abide by the results.

This community is increasingly interested in the situation. It wants to see the strike ended on a basis that will stand the tests which the future may impose upon the parties involved. A larger part of our industrial machinery here is stopped; with it has stopped also the earning power and activity of a goodly portion of our people.

Such being so patently the situation, it does appear as if the parties who are responsible for such a condition would be moved to a display of the proper spirit upon which this matter can be settled and settled right. There is no likelihood, however, of an adjustment so long as either, or both, sit complacently in their respective camps and expect the natural development of conditions to work out a satisfactory conclusion of the trouble.

WILL PUT NO UNIFORM ON

Mr. Harding intimates that while there is no chance to get this country into the league of nations, the United States is friendly to the purpose of the league and at any time, when the league is in need of the sympathy of the actual services of America, it shall have it so long as he is President. In other words, the United States is a sort of reserve policeman or volunteer fireman. It will have nothing to do with staving off war, but if, unfortunately, the other countries now in the league are not able to prevent war, then the United States will line up with them.

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BOOSTING THE STATE

The Raleigh Times is disposed to make mockery of the suggestion that the State needs a chamber of commerce for the purpose of aiding in its development, but The Times does not undertake to disprove the contention that a chamber of commerce is just as much a part of the progressive and aggressive State as of the progressive and aggressive municipality.

Clarence Kuester was saying the other day, after having flown north and south and west throughout North Carolina, that he told Governor Morrison during the mountain trip he made with His Excellency that what North Carolina needs is a million-dollar fund for self-exploitation.

We are rather in agreement with the thought of The Greensboro News that if this country must depend upon one such as Jack Dempsey to hold its pugilistic championship, we had better let France have it for a while and be glad to give it away.

WHO ELSE WOULD HAVE DONE THIS?

Fifty delegates to the first convention of disabled veterans of the World War stormed the citadels of Socialism in Detroit Wednesday and laid down some very practical law upon the assembled hosts of Red Terrorism. The invasion was for the purpose of informing the Socialists that whenever it became necessary for those wounded servants of America to use their weapons again in defense either of humanity or of the flag of their country, they would not hesitate to pull the trigger.

The teachers of the State may be disposed to criticize the educational authorities about their certifications and salaries, but so long as Dr. Brooks is able to show that they are being paid \$600,000 more than the State has with which to pay them, the State can not be accused of profiteering on them.

FRANK COUNSEL

Senator Cawaway, speaking at the annual dinner of the chamber of commerce of Gastonia, passed along some time advice when he admonished business men and manufacturers to stay away from Washington with their complaints because they "know as much about how to solve these problems as 90 per cent of the representatives in Congress".

THE BEST NEWSPAPER

Students of journalism in Syracuse University have been examining newspapers from all parts of the country for the purpose of discovering which, in their judgment, is the "best newspaper in the United States". The result of their symposium gives The Philadelphia Public Ledger the premiership with The New York World following and The New York Times third.

An editorial prediction is at hand to the effect that West Point will turn out no more "snobs". The supply which it has already turned out is ample for the future demands.

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COMMUNICATIONS

MILL WORKER TAKES OTHER SIDE

To The Editor The News: I would like to refer to Mr. C. P. Lockey, Jr., in regard to his article in your paper of June 25. I will be brief in what I say.

Not to begin I will state I also am a native Tar Heel, born in Gaston 36 years ago and have worked in and around Southern cotton mills for 29 years. Mr. Lockey would have the public believe, as McMahon says, that the Southern cotton mill owners are crooks and a thief and that all the interest the mill owners have in their employees is for what they can steal away from them.

Mr. Lockey says the mill interests have heretofore lined up solidly against any and all progressive movement that would benefit the mill worker. That is McMahonism. If I mistake not the manufacturers of North Carolina had the present state child labor laws enacted, it is as if I said, as a mill worker, a speeder hand, and in my humble position, naturally, would not come in contact with many mill workers.

Every woman knows the value of silverware as a necessary adjunct to the home beautiful. We are sure our varied showing of silverware will offer many helpful suggestions.

STATEMENT RELATIVE TO THE TEXTILE STRIKE

Editor The News: On last Wednesday, June 22nd, I suggested to the striking textile employees that they submit their differences to the employing manufacturers to arbitration by a disinterested tribunal, to be composed of persons engaged neither as employers or employees, to which they agreed.

On Thursday morning, June 23rd, I took the matter up with Col. Kirkpatrick, president of the Chamber of Commerce and Col. Kirkpatrick communicated my suggestion to Mayor Walker. On Thursday afternoon Col. Kirkpatrick told me that the employers had expressed a preference to meet a committee composed of employees who were working in their respective mills at the date of the strike, and I was informed on Friday morning by Col. Kirkpatrick that the Mayor had arranged with the mill managers to meet these committees, and that these mill managers were then ready to meet them, whereupon I advised Col. Kirkpatrick that these committees would have to be appointed at a special meeting to be held that afternoon at 4 o'clock, and that the employees could not meet the employers before Saturday, and according to suggestion made by Col. Kirkpatrick that I should call the mill managers when the committees from the employees were ready. I did so on Saturday morning, telephone to Mr. C. W. Johnston representing his mills, and to Mr. H. H. Boyd, representing the Chadwick-Hookins chain of mills, and referred to this arrangement, and told them that the employees committee would meet them at such time as they might suggest, and Mr. Johnston told me that he did not know when he could meet them. Mr. Boyd told me that he would meet them at his office at any time after ten o'clock Saturday morning.

These committees were appointed and went to the respective offices of Mr. Johnston and Mr. Boyd at the time suggested and the committees reported to the managers, and the committees were informed by the managers that they had nothing to offer different from the conditions existing at the date of the strike.

Respectfully, W. H. HALL. MARRIED WOMEN CAN'T TEACH Newport, R. I. June 30.—Married women have been barred from teaching in the public schools of Warwick county, the members of the school board decided to employ only single women in the future.



When old men kick the young men down and will not lend a hand to help them up around the town it's time to understand that it's suicide to treat them so, for all young men are bound to grow and cause the old men surplus woe, and take away their land. It's better to assist the youth who has a high ambition or else he may get mad, forsooth, and snatch your good position. If you give the boys good starts you'll win a way into their hearts. But lay off of the pointed darts. They're bad for your condition. Without experience and knowledge young men find it tough to get along when they leave college. The road is pretty rough, and when the people where they dwell refuse point blank to treat them well it takes no length of time to tell that they soon get enough. Later on they rise in life, and we be to the nuts who tried to fill their lives with strife and keep them in the ruts. A harsh old man will stir up hate. The young men will retaliate. The wise old man will hesitate to do a deed that cuts the man who's had to kill a sinx will profit by the deed if he tells young men what he thinks are weapons they will need. Experience is always sought. It's sometimes very dearly bought, but after all, it can be taught and made into a creed. Unless young men are taught, however, the day is bound to come when they will get a bit too clever to be fooled by some, and all the old men in the town who tried to hold the young men down will cry out with a sigh and frown, "They put me on the bum."

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