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FRIDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 17, 1919.

All that Shantung talk seems to have been hot air and smoke.

Kinston Fair officials were somewhat flighty Tuesday and Wednesday because the aviators engaged for the occasion failed to get in the air.

Mack says: "Folks are known by the company they keep out of." It is no doubt true that it is often more difficult to resist the temptation of evil associates than it is to seek good influences.

That the evangelistic campaign is taking firm hold on the community is attested by the way the congregations are holding on this week when there are so many other attractions to divide the interest of the people.

Only three of the forty-five amendments submitted by the Foreign Relations Committee, packed for the occasion, now await disposition.—Begins to look like the anti strength was mostly represented in committee and that a considerable lot of time has been wasted.

A letter has come from New York to The Free Press addressed: "Kinston Free Press, North Carolina," which indicates both that The Free Press is well known and that some of the old time efficiency of the postoffice department is still working.

We are beginning to feel about the strike situation like we did in the early stages of the war when each new day brought some other entry into the conflict. It would be a good thing if all who plan to strike would get in the game and let's get over the agony and get back to work.

THE SOONER THE BETTER.

If the coal miners propose to stop the wheels of industry and cause suffering untold for lack of fuel because the operators refuse to grant their unreasonable demand for a six hour working day and a five day week, The Free Press predicts that they'll have to come back and beg for their jobs.

No strike can hope for success without the backing of public sentiment and it is a dead moral certainty that the great rank and file of unbiased people in this country who will suffer should there be any material cut down in the fuel supply will not give support to such selfishness and greed.

The Free Press hopes that the efforts of Secretary Wilson and other governmental agencies will succeed in averting the strike on November 1st. The result of even a short tie-up in the production of coal will add to the complexity of the industrial problems and the high cost of living. However, if all of the various crafts which are unionized have come under the spell of the tearing down propaganda that is working like leaven in this country, and expect to make unreasonable and unjust demands and strike when their employers refuse to be held up, the sooner the general showdown is made the better.

ANOTHER WEEK OF REVIVAL.

Announcement that the McLendon meeting will run for another week, making the campaign five weeks instead of four as was first advertised, will meet with the approval of that element of citizens here who really want an awakening and a revival that will last.

The Free Press has had confidence all the time that the good seed which Mack has been sowing would begin to show fruit and there are, we believe, unmistakable evidences that deeper and firmer hold is being gotten on the community.

The work of the campaign is not yet accomplished. The ice has hardly been broken. The continuation of the meeting for another week should result in doing a vast amount of good that otherwise would not be felt from the meeting.

When Professor Kinsey, Superintendent of Lenoir County's schools, was introduced to Vice-President and Mrs. Marshall on the train Tuesday morning, the venerable educator remarked: "You are the first Vice-President I ever saw," whereupon Mr. Marshall quickly replied: "Well I'm part human, as you see." He could have gone further and said that he was very human for that was what everybody else who met him thought.

The more vague and scanty President Wilson's physicians make their official daily bulletins the more room for speculation as to the seriousness of the Chief Executive's condition. The public is entitled to a free and candid statement of the progress that is being made by Mr. Wilson and it is gratifying to note that bulletins for the past few days have had a tendency in that direction.

Nobody likes the Shantung award but Japan and it is a safe bet to make that Mr. Wilson would have eliminated it in the peace conference had there been any chance.

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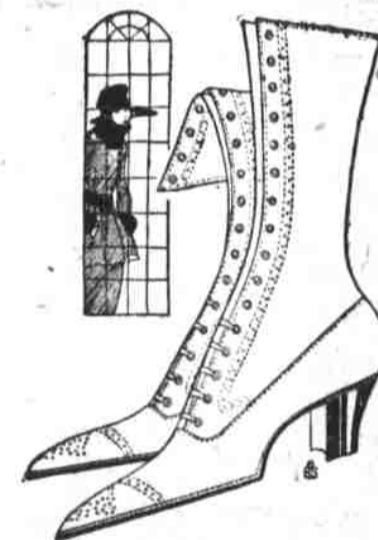
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