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## COMMUNITY CHAUTAUQUA PLANS NEAR COMPLETION

Fine Five Day Entertainment Planned  
Strong Lecturers On Program

### NEW ATTRACTIONS EVERY DAY

The Community Chautauqua a "hit" here as it was when played in New York, Chicago and other large cities throughout the country. Other numbers of unusual interest are Albert Edward Wiggam, the noted Orator, Publicist and Scientist, who will appear on the first evening of our Chautauqua. His lectures entitled "Forty Kinds of Fools" and "How Eli Got 'Three'" one of which he will give, are gems of thought and inspiration. Besides these attractions, there is the Boston Light Opera Revue, a famous sextette of young women who sing and play brilliantly; The Theresa Sheehan Concert Company, a trio of artists who offer a program of clever songs, excellent recitations and beautiful music; Dr. J. W. Skinner, noted authority on South America, who tells about the opportunities in that great country for American Enterprise; Denton C. Crowl the second Sam Jones—a quartette of talented musicians who are great Chautauqua favorites and many other attractions which warrant the close attention of everyone. Special features will be added. Among those later is the Junior Chautauqua and the marvelous "Toyshop Pageant" for boys and girls which will be under the careful supervision of an expert play leader.

The Community Chautauqua will afford a fine worth-while vacation for you right here at home amid all your daily comforts. Season tickets for yourself and family will prove to be a profitable investment. They will enable you to enjoy all of the ten great sessions and you too will be amply repaid for all the time you spend under the big brown tent.

Other notable features are "Fine Feathers" the great popular play which touches on the high cost of living. This production is presented by a complete cast of talented Broadway players, with special scenery and effects, and promises to be as big

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## FOR GAWD'S SAKE TALK FAS MISSUS

De Man Say Dey's  
Dun Riz \$2 a  
Bushel

### WHAT'LL AHDO

This actually happened in Urbana, Ill., according to a local paper: A woman sent a colored man employed by her to a grocery store to get some potatoes, but when the grocer quoted the price it took the servant's breath away. "Dat's the exasperatinest price of taters I ever heard tell on, and I was 'feared to get 'em" he told his mistress, upon returning home. She sent him straight back to buy a bushel before they went higher. A few minutes later the telephone rang. "'De man say dey's done riz \$2 a bushel since I wuz in heah befo.' Fo' Gawd's sake, talk fas' missus. What'll Ad do?" the darkey shouted over the wire. She told him to buy them provided they hadn't gone \$2 higher while he was telling her about it—otherwise to get \$5 worth of cheese and crackers.

One of our business men bought a peck of new potatoes Saturday and paid \$1.90 cents.

## PRES. DESCHANEL OF FRANCE FELL FROM TRAIN IN DARKNESS

Walked a Mile Met  
a Track  
Walker

### WHO GOT AUTO

Montargis, France, May 24.—President Deschanel of France fell from a moving train in darkness and walked a mile until he met a truck worker who telephoned for an automobile.

## TOPIC WEIGHTS AND MEAS. TO REDUCE COST

Washington, May 24.—Men reducing excessive living costs by honest weights and measure was one of the topics before conference of weights and measures officials of the United States opening here.

## KING ALEXANDER OF GREECE MARRIED

Paris, May 24.—King Alexander of Greece it is reported here has been married Morganatically to Mademoiselle Manos the daughter of the former Aide de Camp to his Father King Constantine.

## SENATOR PENROSE IS MUCH BETTER

Philadelphia, May 24.—Senator Penrose is much better and will attend the Republican convention at Chicago, according to an announcement from his home.

## 30 PRINCIPAL RAIL GATEWAYS LOCATED

To Help in Settling  
Individual Freight  
Problems

### PRIORITIES EMBAR.

Washington, May 24.—Thirty local committees located thirty principal rail "gateways" surveying individual freight problems with view recommending to the Interstate Commerce commission policy to be followed in future relating to priorities and embargoes.

## R. R. EARNINGS MUST INCR. \$1,017,000,000

Washington, May 24.—Every interest is concerted here for the opening of the railroads application for increased rates before the International Commerce Commission. The road owners claim the earnings of all the roads must be increased by a billion and seventeen million dollars to meet the six per cent return guaranteed by the transportation act.

## REVIVAL SERVICES TO BEGIN AT THE BAP- TIST CHURCH JUNE 20

Dr. T. W. O'Kelly of the  
first Church of Raleigh  
will do the Preaching

### MR. BETTS CON. MUSIC

Dr. Chas. Anderson announced to his congregation Sunday that a series of revival services would be conducted in that church beginning Sunday, June 20th and that Dr. T. W. O'Kelly of the First Church of Raleigh will do the preaching and Mr. Betts the singing evangelist also of Raleigh will lead the singing.

## HOTEL BURNS FIVE HURT \$200,000 LOSS

Paterson, N. J., May 24.—Five persons received minor injuries by jumping from the upper floors when the Manhattan Hotel burned. The loss was estimated between one hundred and fifty thousand and two hundred thousand dollars.

## 6 MEN ROB NAT. BANK OF \$15,000 IN CASH

Pittsburg, Pa., May 24.—First National Bank at Finleyville near here was held up and robbed of one hundred thousand dollars in bonds and fifteen thousand in cash according to word received by police. The six men were to have locked up the cashier in the vault.

## LABOR LOSING SIGHT OF INEXORABLE BASIC LAWS

If Farmers Were to Demand \$2500 as an  
Average Earning Food Would  
Double

### A DOLLAR IS BUT A SYMOL

Manufacturers Record, Baltimore Md. Appearing before the Railroad Labor Board, one W. Jett Lauck, formerly secretary of the National War Labor Board and lately employed in gathering statistics for the railroad bro... declares that "it is impossible for a family of five in the United States to live on itself in even decent poverty for a penny less than \$2500 a year." He demands that that sum be fixed by the Board as the minimum wage for the 2,500,000 railway employees of the country.

On this basis, not allowing for the considerably more than \$2500 a year which great numbers of railway employes already get, the labor charge to the railroads would be \$6,250,000,000 the year. Allowing five members to a family in a total population of 100,000,000, an average income of \$2500 for each family would amount to \$50,000,000,000 a year—a little less than the estimated total capital worth of Germany before the war.

If the farmers of the country were to demand an average earning for each farmer of \$2500, the price of food would be double what it is. If the cost of living for railroad employes is what Mr. Lauck says, then wages in the cities must be raised to the point where anybody working on the farm under present conditions would be a fool and agricultural production would virtually cease. Either that, or the price of farm products would change so radically that the \$2500 of the city wage-earner would have less purchasing power than his present income.

The trouble with Mr. Lauck and economists of his school is that they get so tangled up in dollar marks that they cannot extricate themselves. A dollar is nothing but a symbol. How many bushels of wheat shall a man get for the work he does in the maintenance of the social and industrial order; how many pounds of cotton; how much to eat? Until the dollar is translated into such terms it means nothing and tells nothing. Many may go on adding nogluhts to the printed picture of their wage-earning, but they cannot overcome the laws of gravitation and they cannot wipe out the truth of the Divine dictum that by the sweat of his brow shall a man eat bread.

We believe that every man who works and puts his honest sweat into his toiling is entitled to and must get the due reward of his labor. For years we have devoted ourselves to securing for the cotton producer a decent recompense. What he earned he did not get; what he was entitled to was taken from him. He was a victim whom all who wished might rob. So would we consider it not good policy, but bad policy, for even the most humble order of railroad workers in this country to receive a wage unequal to his deserts. But it is an atation that no man is going to get permanently out of this world more than he puts into it. In the vast and intricate equation which we call life there is an equilibrium naturally established that cannot be permanently disturbed without disaster. The tremendous vibration set up by the recent world catastrophe has artificially thrown things out of balance, it is true, but what the world is seeking is a restoration of that balance, not a further intensification of instability.

There is one thing we know we cannot do, and that is pickout a select class of workers, such as the railroad employes, and give them absolute guarantees against price fluctuations and relieve them of any and all worry in the matter of making both ends meet. We would not want an army of mollycoddles even if we could economically support it.

## CAR TURNS OVER 5 KILLED BOY LEFT

Asheville, N. C., May 24.—Roy Rummion, his wife and two babies and Jeter W. Massey were killed when their automobile toppled over a mountain embankment near Hot Springs. A six year old boy is the only survivor.

## R. R. WAR LOSS OVER \$900 MILLION

Washington, May 24.—Government gross in loss the operation of railroads during the federal control was nine hundred million four hundred and seventy eight thousand dollars according to a final report Swager Sherry, railroad administration, director of finance.

## UNION OF SOU. AND NORTH PRESBYTERIANS

Charlotte, May 24.—Southern Presbyterian general assembly unanimously adopted plan union with the Northern Presbyterian church proposed by joint committee on closer relations.

## REP. OF 175000 MINE WORKERS MEET

Wilkesbarre, Penn., May 24.—Representatives of one hundred and seventy thousand Anthracite mine workers are meeting to decide the fate of the wage negotiations.

## WOOD MG'R SPENT 15000 IN N. J. 12000 IN MD.

Washington, May 24.—Frank H. Hitchcock one of General Woods campaign managers told the senate investigating committee as far as he knew the largest sum spent in any state by the Wood organization was fifteen thousand dollars in New Jersey and the next largest was twelve thousand and five hundred dollars in Maryland. He said the campaign in New York and a number of other states was financed by Wood supporters without asking for assistance from the Wood organization.

## REPORTS OF M. P. CHURCH BOARD TONIGHT

Greensboro, N. C., May 24.—The report of the general church board was the principal business tonight before the Methodist Protestant church general conference.

## WAR PLANS READ TO SENATE BY DANIELS

Washington, May 24.—Secretary Daniels read to the senate investigating committee a schedule of the war plans prepared prior to April nineteen seventeen.

## SCOTTISH RITE MA- SONS MEET JUNE 8

Spartanburg, S. C., May 24.—Scottish Rite Masons of the Southern states will hold their special reunion here June the eighth.

## LOUIS SMITH CHOKES CHILD TO DEATH

Moss Point, Miss., May 24.—Louis Smith a shipyard worker was jailed charged with strangling his four year old daughter to death.