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DEFENSE STRIKES ARE SABOTAGE

It is time we stopped mincing words in this labor crisis. Those who strike against defense must be called what they are—saboteurs.

This is a war of production. It is the performance of industry which will finally decide it. Hitler is fast organizing the entire continent of Europe into a great slave empire to feed the Nazi military machine. The democracies must outstrip him to survive.

Here in our own country we have greater resources than any other power. We have the coal, the oil, and the other basic materials in abundance. We have the greatest electric power and transportation systems on earth. We have the great factories which can produce the instruments of war and peace alike in an ever-increasing stream.

But all of this will be worthless if labor is determined to sabotage production.

Labor has no just grievance which cannot be cured by arbitration. In no nation on earth has so elaborate a governmental machine been established to protect the worker against exploitation. In no nation on earth does labor get so large a share of the fruits of industry. Yet labor strikes—at a time when the very system which has given it so much is in mortal danger!

How much longer will labor blindly follow ruthless, self-seeking leaders who think nothing of endangering the very existence of their country?

The man on the street is fed up with attempts to push our country around not only by foreign nations, but now by men at home who refuse arbitration and thereby give the greatest possible aid to our enemies by blocking our own defense.

WAR! WAR! WAR!

There always have been wars and there always will be wars. Of course that may not be the reason we are having one now, but it is a certainty that our present dilemma is the result of the European struggle, and our interest in it. War and politics operate much alike; when there is a scrap you just can't stay out if you want to.

The destruction the Japanese accomplished this week following their treachery is just another example why America shouldn't depend on any one but herself. Germany and Japan are in the same boat. They are ruthless nations seeking conquest. If Germany fails, Japan's span is limited. Consequently, it wasn't very difficult for Germany to persuade Japan that now is the proper time to make a stroke in the Pacific.

Had the United States not been so busy sending much of its resources to Britain, it might have been better prepared in the Pacific, but then had it not been aiding Britain, Japan would not have struck its blow.

There is this about it: at best it will be a long period of toil and suffering. In some aspects, the period following will be much worse. We expect the war to continue many years, although we cannot enumerate the principal belligerents who may be remaining at the time it closes. But we will not know America again as we used to know it. We will have to tighten our belt, and put up with a lot before it is over.

WARS COME FAIRLY REGULAR

Between the war of 1812 and the Mexican war, 36 years elapsed. It was only 13 years until the United States became embroiled in the Civil War. Twenty-seven years later the Spanish American war was fought, and then it was 20 years until America got into the World War. Now after 23 years, we are at war with Japan.

TIME FOR ACTION

American defense is being attacked by more than Nazi submarines today. We are threatened by aggression at home as well as abroad. The "strikes as usual" policy of a few stubborn labor leaders, who seem to place personal victory above the national interest, continues to rob us of materials vitally needed for our protection.

A recent Labor Department report showed an almost unbroken rise in strikes since we began to produce on a major scale for aid to Britain and national defense in mid-1940. During the month of July of that year strikes cost us 585,651 man-days of lost work. For the four-week period ending last November 21 that figure had risen to 1,252,168 man-days. The first strike in the "captive coal mines" cost a daily loss of potential coal to make steel for upwards of 16,000 railroad freight cars or 32,000 M-3 tanks. During the second such strike we lost enough steel to build 30 destroyers.

The fact that many of these strikes have been called to force a closed shop suggests that the unions are using national defense to create a labor monopoly with themselves in control of all American employees. Many people fail to understand the threat to our traditional freedoms that such a situation implies. They fail to realize that in a closed shop every employee must be a member of the union and pay dues to it, whether he wants to or not. They fail to realize that his employer must fire him and the union can blacklist him if for any reason his actions offend the union. Once blacklisted, he can't work again in any union plant. If all the shops in the country were closed shops, he couldn't work at all.

What has the government done about this current wave of strikes? For one thing, it's discouraged all attempts to amend the Wagner Act or otherwise to impose any legal responsibility on unions. It has denied defense contracts to the lowest bidder if he deals with the wrong union. Above all, it has failed to develop a sound labor policy that can deal with strikes.

How much longer will America be forced to endure such a situation? How much longer will we be forced to lose valuable time and materials because of strikes in defense industries? Just as long as Congress fails to pass legislation to gain control of the situation. Just as long as it fails to evolve an effective labor policy.

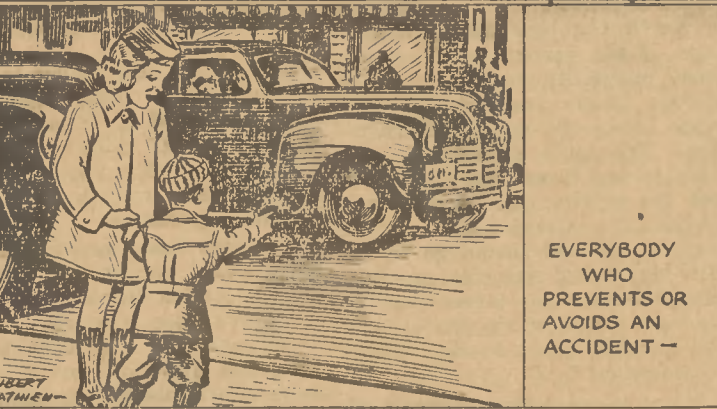
The time has come for action. Congress will act once it is convinced that the country demands action—once it hears from the folks back home. Write your Senators and Representatives what you think should be done. They have a right to know your convictions, and you have an obligation to tell them what you think.

OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

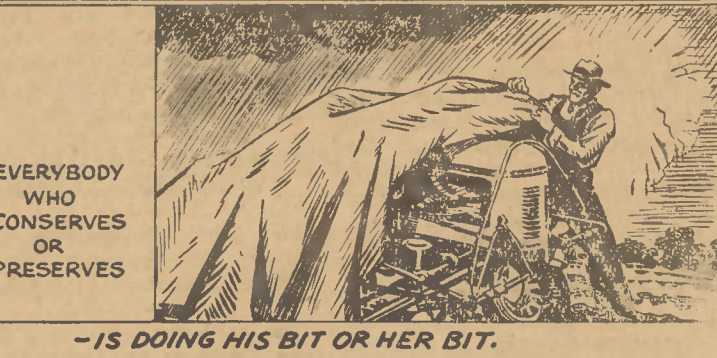
WAR ON WASTE IS AID FOR DEFENSE.

IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THIS:

EVERYBODY WHO PREVENTS A FIRE—



EVERYBODY WHO PREVENTS OR AVOIDS AN ACCIDENT—



EVERYBODY WHO CONSERVES OR PRESERVES

-IS DOING HIS BIT OR HER BIT.

MURDERS HAPPENED IN PEACEFUL CAROLINA AS BAD AS ELSEWHERE

The Story of a Dreadful Event in Hertford County Some 60 Years Ago, and the Last Lynching There

(From the Hertford County Herald)

October 2, 1889, about 10 o'clock at night at the old Adkins home in Hertford County on the Aulander road about three miles from Ahoskie, occurred the most brutal murder and robbery ever pulled off in this section.

A full October harvest moon was shining bright from a clear sky. Napoleon Adkins was washing his feet on the back door steps of his home, when three Negroes, Kinch Freeman, Mack Jones and Will Pope, armed with specially prepared black jacks, beat the 70-year-old man down in the backyard, cut his throat and slashed his face with a pocket knife.

Mrs. Julia Terry, housekeeper for Mr. Adkins, rushed to the door to see what was going on. One of them made a break for her when she locked the door between them, ran in an adjoining room, got the gun, and tried to shoot Mack Jones through a window but was so excited she could not spring the gun. He grabbed her by the gown and when she broke away from him struck her across the head with a black jack which made a bad scalp wound and caused her to drop the gun.

She then heard Mrs. Adkins, the 92-year-old invalid mother of Mr. Adkins, calling her and asking what was the matter. She went in a back room and squeezed through a little window they had left unguarded, evidently thinking a woman of her size could not get through a window so small. She fell to the ground and was painfully hurt, but lost no time in getting herself together.

Crawling under the house just in whose feet she could see come time to escape from the man running around the corner, she paused a while for a much needed rest directly under the bed where Mrs. Adkins was lying. She could hear them dealing the death blows on her helpless body and could hear her cries for help as she begged them not to kill her. Mrs. Terry said she could now hear her own heart beating and felt she had almost come to the end of the way.

Her head was bleeding profusely and her body was in a wrack of pain. She breathed a prayer for Divine guidance, asked the Lord to look down in mercy upon that awful scene, and make possible for her some way of escape.

When she saw them peeping under the house for her, she hid in a hole which the dog had scratched out under the back porch near the door steps where Mr. Adkins was lying—still struggling between life and death—when one of the Negroes came running around the house and said, "dam you, aint you dead yet?" nicker up a slob, struck him two or three hard blows. After that she heard him struggle no more.

Jones and Freeman were familiar with the place. She could hear them in the kitchen getting the oil can and soon she smelled kerosene oil and could hear fire roaring. She knew then if she did not get away soon she would be burned alive. She crawled across the back yard through a gate, down a cotton row to find a stolen mule that Kinch Freeman had ridden, tied to the fence.

In getting over the fence she fell in a ditch. Getting on her feet

she went to the home of a man named Gaskins; but as Gaskins had no gun he went with her to the home of Billie Mitchell where Jack Vann now lives, and they went back to the Adkins house in time to save it from being burned.

The bed upon which Mrs. Adkins was lying was almost burned up and her body badly charred.

The robbers, who got about \$7.50 for their experience, were all gone, but before they left they opened Mr. Adkins' trunk and dressed themselves up in his best clothes, leaving their old ones behind. Mack Jones, who lived on the plantation went to his home and was arrested the next day. Kinch Freeman left on his stolen mule and a few days later was apprehended in Norfolk, and brought back to Hertford County. Will Pope left for parts unknown and has never been heard from since.

A few days later on Christmas Eve night a mob of between 150 and 200 armed and disguised men went to Winton, secured the keys, entered the jail and hanged Kinch Freeman in his cell. Mack Jones, after being tried and acquitted by a jury in Washington County at Plymouth, tried to make his way to Edenton. That night in some mysterious manner he disappeared from the steamer and was later found dead in Albemarle Sound with a rope tied around him.

Mrs. Terry lived 29 years longer, but always carried a bad scar and horrible memories of that awful night. The last five years of her life she was blind. Those most familiar with her case believed it was caused by the wound across her head.

When Kinch Freeman was lynched in Winton jail and Mack Jones fished out of Albemarle Sound each of them were still wearing Mr. Adkins' clothes. A pair of pants were taken off Jones and carried to Mrs. Terry. She identified a patch she had put on them for Mr. Adkins. The old Adkins home is still standing and is in a good state of repair despite its experience with fire that memorable night and the 53 years of use that has been added since.

That was the last lynching and also the last wholesale murder-robbery ever to occur in Hertford County. The colored people since then have gone forward by leaps and bounds away from such barbarous days. Fifty-three years has brought wonders to the Negro race in Hertford County. They are said now to be the best educated, farthest advanced colored people in North Carolina. They now stand with the white man for good citizenship, law enforcement and order.

The basis of Christmas is the rock, Christ Jesus; its fruits are inspiration and spiritual understanding of joy and rejoicing,—not because of tradition, usage, or corporeal pleasures, but because of fundamental and demonstrable truth, because of the heaven within us.—Mary Baker Eddy.

BUYING FURS—Mink, muskrat, raccoon, opossum, etc. Top market prices, spot cash. W. C. GLOVER, Elizabeth City, N. C.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Twiford, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Twiford, and son Dewey Norman, 11, of Norfolk were visitors of Mrs. J. S. Creef near Fort Raleigh Sunday. The Twifords are well known former citizens of Dare County.

Mrs. Ray Davis, Sr., was a visitor in Norfolk Saturday. Miss Helen Evans, Mrs. G. T. Westcott and Mrs. Annette M. Evans were in Norfolk shopping Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hazen and children, Bud and Faye, returned Saturday from Painted Post, New York, where they spent a week.

Miss Estelle Meekins spent the week end in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. McCov Tillett spent the week end in Norfolk on business.

Miss Anita Midgett recently returned from Norfolk, where she was a student at the Southern School of Beauty Culture, and is now employed at Your Beauty Shoppe in Manteo.

Lieut. and Mrs. Hugh McChesney have moved to Raeford, where Lieut. McChesney is in charge of a CCC camp. Their son, Webb is spending some time with his grandmother, Mrs. J. G. Midgett. Gilbert Mister, who is employed in Norfolk spent the week end in Manteo with his mother, Mrs. Bowlah Mister.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wakefield, Mrs. H. A. Creef and son, H. A. Jr., spent Saturday in Norfolk.

A. B. Hooner and George Payne of Stumpy Point were visitors in Manteo Tuesday.

Mrs. Orlando Burns, Mr. and Mrs. McCov Tillett spent the week end in Norfolk.

Misses Marquerite and Dorothy Drinkwater of Norfolk and Hampton, Va., spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Drinkwater. They returned Monday, accompanied by Mrs. Homer Austin and Mrs. Paul Derrickson, who spent the day in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Osceo Basnight and daughter, Mabel Jean, were in Norfolk Monday.

Mrs. A. G. Harris, who has made her home in Manteo for about a year, entered Tayloe Hospital in Washington, N. C., last Thursday for treatment. According to last reports Mrs. Harris is getting along very well. Dr. Harris visited her at the hospital Sunday.

E. E. Meekins, of Norfolk, spent the week end in Manteo.

REBEKAHS—Mrs. J. G. Midgett will on Friday night at eight o'clock entertain all the past Nobles Grand of Manteo Rebekah Lodge No. 52 at a party at the lodge hall. All past Nobles Grand are urged to attend.

The Manteo lodge held its regular meeting Tuesday night, with Mrs. Missouri Midgett presiding. Officers elected for the coming term are: Noble grand, Mrs. Francetta White; vice grand, Mrs. Hazel Midgett; recording secretary, Mrs. Rosa Drinkwater; financial secretary, Mrs. Pattie Smith; treasurer, Mrs. Florence Midgett.

A home-coming party for all members of this lodge, including all who have been members in the past, will be held Friday night, December 19. The annual Christmas party will take place at the regular meeting on December 23.

Lime Orders

It was announced today by Hyde County Farm Agent J. P. Woodard that 73 car loads of lime had been ordered in Hyde. Fourteen carloads of this have been delivered according to Mr. Woodard.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wakefield and Mrs. R. H. O'Neal spent Tuesday in Norfolk.

Mrs. C. H. Barnette, who has been visiting in Norfolk, returned to her home in Manteo Tuesday. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Shirley Stewart, and her daughter-in-law and grandson, Mrs. Bannister Barnette and Banister Barnette, Jr.

Mrs. R. I. Leake is spending several weeks in Rich Square with her mother.

Mrs. M. A. Daniels, Mrs. Louise Meekins and Mrs. Lucetta Willis spent Tuesday in Norfolk shopping.

Norfolk Southern Railroad TRAVEL BY TRAIN FOR 1 1/2c PER MILE

Table with columns for train routes (e.g., Manteo to Norfolk, Norfolk to Manteo) and departure/arrival times.

NORFOLK SOUTHERN BUS CORPORATION Bus Schedules and Connections

Table showing bus routes and schedules between Manteo, Norfolk, and other locations, including fares and connection points.

For further information see your local Bus Agent, or write Norfolk Southern Bus Corp., Norfolk, Va. NOTE: Bold face type indicates P. M. Light face type indicates A. M.

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