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THE STRIKE FEVER

As a whole the country is much freer from labor troubles than it was some months ago. But once in a while the strike spirit blazes out, and does enormous injury to the general public.

Wage earners sometimes think that if they get higher wages, it comes out of the capitalists. But the capitalists simply add the charge to their prices, so that the general public pays it all. And prices keep on going up just as fast as wages, and usually faster. It would not do the workers of the country a particle of good to double their wages over the present level. Prices would more than double.

The advances in prices necessitated by the raises in wages greatly increase the amount of capital necessary to do business. Employers are not able to borrow these largely increased amounts of money, as there is not capital enough in the country to loan. An inflated price level discourages buying and leads to shut-downs of factories.

Wage earners sometimes say that the only way they can get justice is by striking. That is sometimes true. But much more frequently it is true that a strike ties up production, creates a scarcity and enables the profiteers to get any old price for their goods. The strike is a two edged weapon that is very apt to hurt the person who uses it. There should be some better way of adjusting grievances.

If the present prices for commodities could be cut in two, and wages also reduced one half, everybody would be better off. There would then be capital enough in the country to do business with, and production would not be tied up by inflated credits. While there may be some inequalities that need to be adjusted in the wage level, yet unreasonable demands tie up business and keep the prices mounting to still dizzier heights.

The politicians all know a lot about corrupt expenditure except by their own party.

The silk shirt buyers of today will be the flannel shirt wearers of tomorrow.

Don't bother Mother to sew up that hole in your pocket, kiddo, as she's finding out who to vote for.

Eighteen thousand schools failed to open last year, but there were more movie theaters running full blast than ever before.

So far the motorists have not put up No Trespassing signs warning all pedestrians not to cross the highways.

The old timers insist that the best way to observe Child Welfare Week is to hold regular sessions for the kids in the woodshed.

After telling the farmers that they have been greatly neglected by the government, the politicians promise their city audiences that they will give them lower prices on foodstuffs.

THE WORKER'S PSYCHOLOGY

A business concern may follow all the standard principles of scientific efficiency, and yet fail to turn out a maximum product. It may have failed to enlist the hearty cooperation of its working force.

When a factory starts out to introduce a modern efficiency system, the wage earner looks at it as the effort of the management to make more money. He is not interested. He may feel that he has got to work harder and get no more out of it.

To get modern efficiency in any business, the worker must be shown that he personally is going to profit.

Something can be done by showing employees that if production falls down everywhere, it is going to make goods scarce which will make prices high. Something is gained when wage earners are convinced that low production is a bad thing for everybody.

It can be shown that when production falls off, those who have goods to sell can get almost any old price for them, so that the wage-earning class of the country is victimized. They can be shown that to get an ample production, every workshop, every railroad, every mine, and every farm must work, and work hard.

They can also be shown that if the spirit of low production exists in one industry, it will spread to all, and that everyone must take hold and spread the production spirit if the country is to be fed and clothed and housed for reasonable figures.

People sometimes think that if they slow down on their work, or refuse to work a normal amount, they stand less chance of getting out of work. But if they slow down, they encourage everybody else to slow down. They suffer from high prices far more than they gain in any other way.

Many fellers begin to holler for increased production soon as the factories shut down as the result of high prices.

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LOST—Last Saturday evening, September 11, an extra large yellow trunk containing a feather bed and covering, some where between Corn Neck Farm and Mr. C. H. Gorham's. Information leading to its recovery will be liberally rewarded. Miss Linda Johnson, R. F. D. 4, Tarboro, N. C. 13-4tp

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EVERY MONDAY.

Why Are Mountains and Some Other Things?

In the making of the world we find abundant signs of trouble and sufferings. Being in the mountains, as I look out each morning I behold evidence of the throes that nature went through, and mighty and awful they were, far beyond the conception of man. The volcanoes lead us to realize that the titanic forces that were active in the formation of the world are still in existence and operative, and it may be these same awful and powerful forces of which we are rarely conscious, save at times, are to be the means by which life is to be destroyed. Just think what volcanoes and earthquakes can do; this world, when let loose by the mighty power that created them and put in wild and reckless motion. The mountains mostly clearly record and unceasingly show us the travail and suffering the world underwent in its birth, out of God only knows what. The mountains make possible and serve the one great purpose of making the world habitable for organic life. The fact that the earth was for long ages covered with water is too well established to question; this was the perfect condition for the growth and development of aquatic animal and plant life; and this development reached a vastness that is inconceivable, as shown by the world-wide remains of that era. During this era of the world's life there was no dry land. For the growth, expansion and development of a higher order of life, dry land was absolutely necessary, and it must have been about this time that God called for the recession of the waters, and said thus far shalt thou come, and no further, and dry land appeared.

The method to bring about this condition, even to the limited mind of man, was eminently sensible and practicable; and a view of the earth today shows its wonderful success. So the purpose and existence of the mountains is to provide and insure dry land for the growth and development of organic life; for the fowls of the air, the beasts of the fields, and man.

No organic life can exist without water; and water being by far the largest constituent element in all living things, God in readjusting the totally water covered earth, to secure a never failing supply of this vital element for land life, apportioned the earth's surface, about three fourths water and one fourth land; the upheaval of the mountains caused the elevation of all land within the range of the action of this irresistible force, a power of which is immeasurable; the waters were forced to flow into the depressions made by the rise of the surface of the earth upon which they had rested, and thus became confined by the limitation which God had made. A faint suggestion may be realized of the stupendous power employed in bringing about water clear land, fit and adapted for organic life, when you consider the coastal plain and Mount Everest, one of the peaks of the Himalaya Mountains, which in the solitude of its grandeur rises to a height of seven miles. In my daily view, when not obscured by clouds, is one of the noted peaks of these wonderfully beautiful mountains. One of the mysteries of life is how viewing a physical object even miles away, can stir in the soul an intangible feeling that can not be expressed. So often when I have the opportunity of standing in the presence of some mighty and solitary peaks, words spoken of Napoleon come to mind, grand, gloomy, and peculiar, he sat a sceptered hermit. I have been straying up in the mountains, most mountain roads, are necessarily rough, but that is no reason why the good roads in Edgecombe should be rough; and when I ride over Edgecombe roads, I do not want to feel that I am riding mountain cart-paths.

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