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THE OLD GRIDIRON

The fall has come with cooler days and urges on the football craze; the old gridiron yells again: "Bring on my two and twenty men."

Last year a bunch of college students were training on some foreign feuds were training on some foreign hill to go and tackle Kaiser Bill.

And out upon the village green where football squads had once seen the rookies drilled with faces set and vowed sweet William's face to get.

The pig skin 'pill had ceased to do to bust the opposition thru and they were using pills of lead designed to fit the Kaiser's head.

But now we have another year in which the football craze is here; the studes are training every day and playing in the same old way.

Once more the village green each afternoon there may be seen a bunch of huskies fine and fit, who scrap and mess it up a bit.

So fall has come with cooler days and urges on the football craze; the old gridiron yells once more and something better is in store.

—N. A. LUFBURROW

THE INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE

The mud-sill of democracy is the theory that the average man, when he is fully informed as to the facts on both sides of the case, is willing to do what is right, even if his own interests should be, for the moment, adversely affected. For nearly a century and a half we have been working along on that theory in this country and it has not been disproved yet. From time to time it has withstood them triumphantly.

We are in the act of testing it out again, in the conference that has just begun its labors in Washington between employers and employes. Everybody is agreed, that things have come to a pretty bad pass in the United States. Living costs have risen to all but impossible heights. Every commodity has been constantly increasing in price, and labor has gone highest of all. On the contrary production has not increased materially in any line, and in some it has slumped dangerously.

On these things there is universal agreement. There is universal agreement also in the belief that the present trend cannot continue indefinitely. The road we have been traveling recently leads inescapably to ruin—of that both labor and capital are convinced.

The disagreement commences when it comes to fixing the responsibility for the present shape of affairs, and necessarily continues as to the logical and practical way of remedying it. It is the idea of working around this disagreement that the conference is sitting in Washington; and it has been called on the theory of the willingness of the average man,

AGONY COLUMN

(By Joseph Peele)

HAVING COME IMMEDIATELY TO ELIZABETH CITY AFTER BEING DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES AND HAVING ALSO MADE AN EFFORT TO GO TO WORK I FIND THAT THE LATTER HAS NOT BEEN WHAT YOU WOULD CALL EASY

SPEED ARTIST HOMAN BEGAN HIS VACATION TWO DAYS AFTER I CAME AND IT WAS LEFT TO ME TO TURN OUT THE TYPE DURING HIS ABSENCE

AND THE WORLD SERIES GAMES BEGAN ON THE DAY OF MY INSTALLATION AND THAT MADE BAD MATTERS WORSE

NEVERTHELESS I HAVE MADE AN EFFORT

BUT IN WORKING I SOMETIMES FORGET THAT I AM OUT OF THE SERVICE AND I LOOK DOWN TO SEE IF MY TROUSERS ARE ON OR OFF AND FURTHERMORE YOU REALIZE THAT IN THE SERVICE DURING DUTY HOURS THE FAIR SEX WERE FEW AND FAR BETWEEN AND A LADY DIDN'T HAVE TO BE PRETTY OR EVEN ATTRACTIVE TO MAKE EVERYBODY TAKE NOTICE AND A FULL INVENTORY —THEY WERE ATTACKED FROM ALL SIDES

AND SITTING WITH THE BIG GLASS WINDOW TO MY LEFT I FOUND ON GETTING HERE THAT I STILL HAD THE HABIT OF PAUSING WHENEVER A SKIRT WOULD COME BETWEEN ME AND THE SUN

AND LIFE WAS ONE SUCH ARTICLE AFTER ANOTHER

BUT TO THIS DAY I STILL FIND MYSELF UNABLE TO GIVE ALL MY ATTENTION TO THE LINOTYPE AND EVERYBODY IRREVOCABLY HAS TO SUFFER SOMEWHAT BECAUSE OF THE DELAY CAUSED BY ME

AND I SIMPLY AGONIZE AND THANK YOU

whether he be employer or employe, to act with reason and moderation as soon as he is fully informed as to both sides of the case.

The tremendous importance of this conference needs no emphasis. On it may easily depend the destiny of the nation for a generation to come for it affects vitally every department of our industrial life. The principles it enunciates are more than apt to become the unwritten constitution of industry, and its decisions will be cited in every industrial debate that arises during the lives of most of us who are watching its sittings.

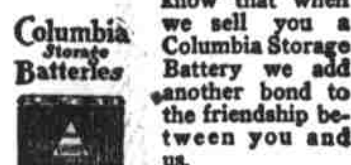
It is therefore the more encouraging to hear from Washington that neither side has gone into the conference in a belligerent spirit. Of course



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there are bellicose elements among the employers, as also among the employes; but taken as a whole, capital is seeking peace, labor is diligently avoiding a fight. Each appears to be ready to give close attention to the other's side of the argument, and every augury point toward a compromise that will afford the country a prospect of a long industrial peace.

If that should, indeed, be the happy consummation of the meeting at Washington, we may as well prepare ourselves in advance to hear a tremendous howl from extremists of both groups. Revolutionary labor men are already prejudiced against the conference because they see in it the possibility of a more or less permanent settlement, on an orderly basis which is the thing that they most dread. Bourbon capitalists are prejudiced against it because they see in it the possibility that the power of public opinion may be arrayed against them to compel them to grant the justice that they have hitherto denied. But the workman who is willing to give an honest day's work to an honest day's pay, and the employer who is willing to give an honest day's pay for an honest day's work, will have in the conference an opportunity to clear up innumerable misunderstandings, to gain a new and wider comprehension of each other's difficulties, and, if it is earnestly to be hoped, to reach a basis of agreement which, while not perhaps giving either all that he hoped for, will enable them to work together for the good of both and the salvation of the nation. — Greensboro Daily News.

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PRISONER LEAPS FROM SECOND STORY WINDOW

A chase that winded Police Chief Holmes and left him spluttering with wrath resulted this morning when Fleetrose Harris, a sailor, arrested by the police for prostitution, leaped from the window of the Chief's office in the second story of the city hall and made tracks in the direction of Norfolk from which port the prisoner declared that his ship sails to-morrow.

Harris and the girl in the case, were both in Chief Holmes office when the chief was called out in the hall for a moment. When he got back his sailor was gone, and the girl said he had gone thru the window. The Chief did not believe her at first and made a hasty search for the prisoner in the room. He then looked out of the window and there were the man's tracks in the gravel below.

The escape got the Chief's dander up and he set out in hot pursuit. Knowing that the man was anxious to get to Norfolk he set out on a bicycle and tried to cut him off before he got out of town, but missed him by about two hundred yards. He discovered that he was headed for Camden along the Norfolk Southern, right of way and tried to get Kasper Upton to stop him at the railroad bridge over the Pasquotank. But Upton declared that he had no such authority. Meantime Officer Basnight had been dispatched to Camden in an automobile to head off the fugitive. He got him at Camden station just after D. H. Tillett, to whom the sailor had told a hard luck story, had bought him a ticket to Norfolk.

SPARTACAN LEADER REACHES VIENNA

Dr. Max Levien, spartacan leader for whose arrest the Bavarian government has offered a large reward, arrived here Monday. All foreigners are leaving Vienna by official orders.

BACK AT MITCHELL'S
Mathew White, after service in the United States Navy, is back at his old job at Mitchell's Department Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Williams and two children, Elizabeth and Garland, have returned to their home in Norfolk after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Morris.

MR. ORMOND'S BROTHER DEAD
News has been received here of the death of Rev. J. M. Ormond's brother at his home in Greene County. Mr. Ormond was called to his brother's bedside Saturday night and has not yet returned to the city.

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