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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men.—Proverbs 4 13.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT DISPUTES

The most serious feature of the unprecedented wave of labor-management disputes which have disrupted postwar reconversion is the almost complete disregard for the public welfare. This is a threat not generally or fully recognized.

In our complex society the public has a right to demand that adequate production and services be maintained to meet its needs. Neither labor nor industry have recognized their responsibility to the public. It is high time that the public assert its rights. The issue is crucial to our national welfare.

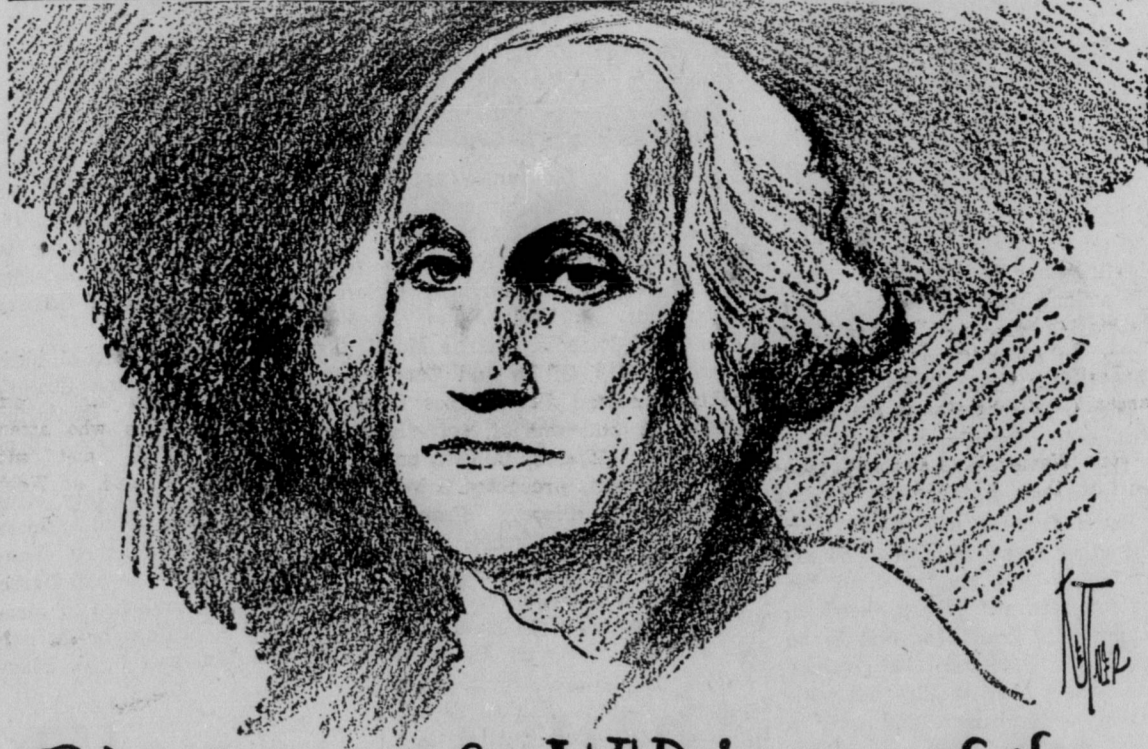
The strike situation means more than men out of work; more than consumers doing without badly-needed goods more than threatened inflation or deflation. It means that there has developed in this country on a very large scale an entirely new philosophy, akin to the syndicalism which was a leading factor in the collapse of France and Italy. It could destroy the principles upon which our American economy has been built.

The philosophy which approves slowdowns, limitations on output, or the employment of unneeded or "stand-by workers" endangers free society. The slogan, "Fifty-two hours pay for forty hours work," is shocking to one who believes in fair exchange values, and smacks of reliance on monopolistic control. The hundreds of brief demonstration strikes, in connection with the major existing strikes, are nothing less than a threat to the American people to exercise such control.

On the other hand, industry has no right to burden the public with unreasonable profits or unreasonable charges for its services, under the guise of "free enterprise." This can become even more oppressive to the general public than labor abuses.

This situation cannot be met by pointing out that the American system has provided the highest standards of living on earth; that the average American workingman is infinitely better off than workingmen anywhere else on earth; and that we should not tinker with an economy which has produced such results. Throughout the mature lifetime of a majority of our vigorous young men, much political capital has been made of preaching class suspicion and class distrust. Workmen have been taught that employers are antagonistic to their employes. Sit-downs, work stoppages, and slow-downs have become commonplace procedures, and the fundamental principle that income can come only from production has been almost completely lost to view. It is an ugly situation, but it exists.

1732 - George Washington - 1799



To be prepared for WAR is one of the effectual means of preserving peace

Student Nurses Receive Caps

Fourteen Student Nurses Received Their Caps In Exercises Friday Evening

Fourteen student nurses, the largest class in the history of Biltmore Hospital, received their caps in exercises Friday evening in All Souls Episcopal Church.

Dr. Karl Schaffle addressed the class and Miss Celeste Burgess, president of the student council, explained the ceremony. Col. Thomas D. Osborne, vice-president of the hospital board, presided. The Rev. George Floyd Rogers pronounced the invocation and benediction.

Mrs. Ernest Pothier, instructor of nurses, presented the students and the caps were awarded by Miss Pauline Powell, superintendent of the hospital. The Florence Nightingale pledge was recited in unison by the newly-capped students.

Members of the class are: Miss Pauline Bartlett, Miss Ruth Butler, Miss Clara Davis, Miss Ruby Duckett, Miss Lucile Ensley, Miss Mary Evans, Miss Ruth Fairchild, Miss Mary Gardner, Miss Katherine Hall, Miss Phyllis Penley, Miss Louise Rhymmer, Miss Betty Royer, Miss Rebecca Wilkey, and Miss Frances Winn.

A reception was held in the parish house following the program.

Ridgecrest WCTC Unit Met On Last Tuesday

The Ridgecrest WCTC met at the home of Mrs. George Allred Tuesday afternoon Feb. 5, at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. J. H. Dew led the devotionals. Mrs. H. W. Baucom discussed, "Frances Willard From Home Environment to World Citizenship," and "Special Hygiene in Relation to Family Life and Community Life." A Willard memorial offering was taken.

Piano Recital Given At Black Mtn. College

Edward Barry Green gave a piano recital at Black Mountain college Saturday night at 8:30. His program included Beethoven Sonata Pathetique, and works of Schumann, and Brahms.

Mr. Greene, a graduate of Harvard University, has taught at Asheville School, Milton Academy, Wellesley College and Princeton University.

ECHOES FROM THE MOUNTAINS

H. Grady Hardin.

In a world where men move with the speed of sound, and events pile one on top of another with unbelievable rapidity we are inclined to stand by indifferently, feeling that there is nothing for us to do. National and international leaders are gaining power, and our lives are governed more and more from the far-off centers of federal governments; so it is natural that we feel that we are worth very little. After all, what can one man do in the face of all the changes that take place? What is one man worth when our world thinks in terms of millions and billions? This is a feeling that is common to practically all people, and it will run us insane if we let it get the upper hand in our thinking.

The teachings of Jesus anticipate just such an attitude, for men have felt this way for ages. Jesus teaches that the individual is important—more important than anything else in all the world. This does not mean that Christianity teaches that we must be individualists who can do as we please. It means that we can be individuals who can find their best lives by losing their selfish lives. But in discovering God we discover that he does care for us as individuals; and individually we amount to a great deal. Why? Because God has made all men in his image and has given to each man the possibilities of life that is of infinite worth. Each of us can discover eternity and live in terms of that which is eternal. A man is important individually because he is immortal. When nations are dead, when the flags that mean so much today are kept in museums as relics of a distant day, when powerful interests are long forgotten; you as an individual will still be living in eternity.

This is an important part of the teachings of Jesus, it is an important part of a Christian's do, for we do amount to something. There are things we must do in the mind of God.

The franking privilege, right of sending mail free of charge, was first granted in the United States to soldiers in the revolutionary war.

Our Short Sermon

I Have Faith In God, and In His Plan of Good for Me and For All Mankind.

Now that the war is ended and the world is shifting back to normalcy, here and there we hear fearful persons expressing dread of the changes that the future may bring. Do not allow yourself to fall into this line of thought. The world does stand on the threshold of a new day, but it is a glorious day, filled with undreamed-of possibilities. Do not dread the changes that an evolving world must pass through. Know that mankind is moving into greater good, and do not name as difficult any of the experiences through which it may pass in attaining this greater good.

As you go forward confidently with your hand in God's know that your life is divinely ordered and that your path is one of serenity. Rejoice in the peace of the world. Rejoice in the good that awaits mankind as step by step it moves into the light of a new day. Have faith that the race is going forward, that every change is for the better, that God has only good for His children.

According to your faith be it done unto you.—Matt. 9:29.

Upper Broad River

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dayton of Candler visited Mrs. Dayton's sister, Mrs. J. H. White, last week.

Pfc. James T. Curtis of the Army, stationed at Fort Warren, Wyoming, visited friends and relatives over here last week. He will now go to Fort Jackson, S. C. for another assignment.

Billie and Tommie White, spent Saturday with their cousin, Bryan Frady at Lakey Gap Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Thompson of Biscoe, N. C., were guests of Mrs. Mary White at her home Sunday. A nice afternoon was enjoyed by a large crowd of relatives.

Mrs. Harriet Kirstein has returned home from an Asheville Hospital fater undergoing a serious operation. She is getting along as well as could be expected. Wishing her a very speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. White and three small sons, spent last week end with relatives on Broad River.

Say you seen it in The News.

By GENE BYRNES

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FUTURE FARMERS AT WHITE HOUSE . . . President Truman shown as he received members of the board of trustees of the "Future Farmers of America." Left to right: Virgil Getto, Fallon, Neb.; Eugene Starkey, Orian, Calif.; President Truman; J. Glyndon, Polo, Ill.; Joseph E. Espey, Maryville, Mo., and Marion Baumgardner, Wellington, Texas. The organization has an active membership of 200,000, all training to become farmers.