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RAILWAY STRIKE AVOIDED IN UNITED STATES.

The federal law known as the Erdman act, which provides for the mediation and arbitration of controversies affecting railways and their employees engaged in interstate train service, has now been on the statute books of the United States for more than thirteen years. During the first eight and a half years following the enactment of the law in June, 1898, one attempt only was made to utilize its provisions. This attempt, which was made within a year after the passage of the law, proved entirely fruitless. During the last five years the provisions of the law have been invoked with increasing frequency, and from the middle of 1908 to the present time there has been only one period as long as three months during which the mediators have not been called upon to act in some pending controversy.

The controversies which have been brought before the mediators have ranged in importance all the way from a few instances of small roads owning less than 100 miles of line and fewer than 100 employees up to cases of exceptional magnitude embracing over sixty roads and involving 100,000 miles of line and over 40,000 employees in a single controversy. In one year, 1910, the assistance of the mediators under the act was called in sixteen cases, these cases involving nearly 300,000 miles of railroad and directly involving nearly 80,000 railway men. The total mileage involved in the cases in which the provisions of the law have been invoked is over 300,000 and the total number of employees directly involved is over 160,000.

At the time the Erdman act was passed practically all the discussion was focused on its arbitration features and little attention was given to its provisions for mediation. Experience has shown, however, that the latter are more important and efficacious features of the law. Of the forty-four cases in which mediation under the act has been invoked, only eight have been carried on to arbitration.

GIRLS MOST IN DEMAND.

Is not this a hint which may be of value to the girls? It is announced that out of 680 young women taking a domestic-science course at a western state college 210 are engaged to be married, and offers are pouring in on a large portion of those unengaged. Domestic science means simply the proper care of a house-

hold, and it is evident that everywhere in this broad land there are men anxious to secure wives with such knowledge. All accomplishments may be desirable; but the young woman who knows how to manage a house efficiently and economically seems to be the one in greatest demand.

The latest in dance nonsense is known as the "jelly wobble." It is danced to slow music and the dancer goes through a series of prolonged trembles and shaking of the body, combined with deep swayings from side to side, similar to a man coming home late at night with a "load." Of course Alice Roosevelt-Longworth has taken it up, but Helen Taft frowns on it. It is presumed Helen tried it with her father as a partner and the wobble was more like an earthquake. She is against it anyhow.

The report that an exceptionally small percentage of spinsters exist among the graduates of the University of Wisconsin is likely to overcrowd that institution.

Senator Cummins declares that he will never, never withdraw from the presidential race. Since when was he ever in it, we'd like to know.

The emperor of Germany and Roosevelt are said to be much alike. We suggest the emperor for vice-president.

Despondency Due to Indigestion.
 It is not at all surprising that persons who have indigestion become discouraged and despondent. Here are a few words of hope and cheer for them by Mrs. Blanche Bowers, Indiana, Pa.: "For years my digestion was so poor that I could only eat the lightest foods. I tried every thing that I heard of to get relief, but not until about a year ago when I saw Chamberlain's Tablets advertised and got a bottle of them, did I find the right treatment. I soon began to improve, and since taking a few bottles of them my digestion is fine." For sale by all dealers.

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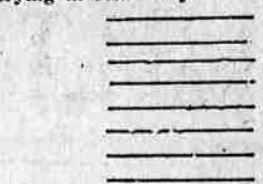
It's funny how people will kick about thing and do nothing about it when they can.

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No one ever won a prize without trying in some way.



COMMON SENSE TO RULE

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He referred graphically to the poisons that are undermining the health of the nation, not only in a material way but in a physiological and moral way.

He spoke feelingly of the evils that are marring the beauty and happiness of life through the ignorance that prevails concerning the consequences. Coming down to hard facts concerning the evils of intoxicating beverages he stated that 85 per cent of the crime in the United States is caused by it and 50 per cent is directly traceable to it.

Of the insanity in the United States "fifty per cent," said he, "is unnecessary and is the result of bad habits and social sins. Fifty per cent of the poverty in the United States is the result of bad habits and the sins of society. Fifteen hundred persons in this fair land of ours are blind as the result of social vice. He referred to the fact that nowadays it is considered a crime to permit typhoid fever to gain any headway in a city.

He spoke of the scarcity of this disease in the United States camps or the Mexican border, contrasting it with conditions which a few years ago in the camps of Cuba were the greatest danger to life.

And to those who scout the idea that some day science will conquer the dread white plague he held out definite assurances that the time is not far off when that dread malady will be unknown.

To do this it is the aim of this notable educator to train the youth of the land in the science and means to combat social evils by firing their ambition and opening to their inquiring vision the scene of present day depravity.

"If you are going to make citizens, you must make them on the lines of heroism," was his forceful way of expressing in a nutshell a great belief. "And behind it all there must be an altruistic spirit, a spirit that is Christian, moral, world-wide, a spirit of brotherly love, when every man and woman begins to love every other man or woman, in such a manner that they would not put anything in his or her way that would eventually lead to prison.

"They say," he continued, "that the schools and colleges of the land are not accomplishing much, but I want to tell you that they have given the inspiration for all of the progress that has been made in the last fifty years. It is the force that is lifting the things that bear heaviest on the uplift of humanity and will in time conquer all obstacles."

It was a source of inspiration to the assembled teachers and it is likely the address made the profoundest impressions, to judge by the attitude of the audience.



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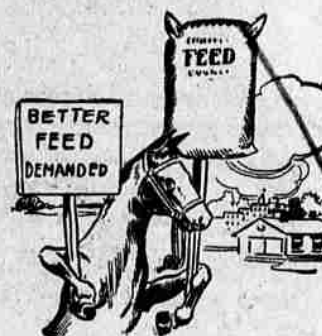
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