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Interests Mutual When They Learn It.

One of the best statements of industrial policy that have appeared lately comes from Henry T. Noyes, a Rochester (N. Y.) manufacturer.

"Labor will have more to say in industry," he says. "We shall have shop committees, grievance committees and wage boards in the industry of the future."

"The rights of the worker include reasonable wages, based on the cost of living; reasonable hours; adequate provision for recreation and education; protection against loss through sickness, accident and unemployment; and service annuities. Labor should assert these as matters of inherent right and not as charitable concessions."

But this is not all. Along with these gains, the workmen, he insists, must consider the interests of the institution they are working for just as they expect their employer to consider their interests. And recognizing that this is probably only an intermediate step, Mr. Noyes adds:

"With labor must learn to carry responsibility. If some time in the future the people should wish to do away with capital, labor should have secured such training in the management of industry as to make that possible. I believe we will progress through evolution and not revolution."

Here, certainly, is something for both employers and employes, but particularly the latter, to think about. In Russia we have seen unskilled workmen trying to run industries under the authority of a Bolshevik government, and making a mess of it. That will hardly be tried in America. But there is sure to be progress in the direction of more active participation of labor in management. Our great industries may eventually become genuine partnerships of capital and labor; they may even become economic democracies, so to speak, consisting of units of a great industrial

state. The trend goes in that direction for the more reason that why workmen, instead of fighting "capitalists," should study their methods and cooperate with them, accepting responsibility and developing by natural degrees so that they will be ready for whatever comes.

Only Clams Inhabit Their Own Shells.

These is a story in a current magazine about a farmer who took pride in living by himself, never speaking until spoken to. He took pride in having the best crop methods, the best results, of all the country round. Finally he became chiefly interested in corn. He developed a variety which took a big prize and was called by his name.

The next year part of his famous crop was inferior. It was the crop which grew near the irresponsible, happy-go-lucky, sociable neighbors. The prevailing winds were from that direction. And part of the corn of the no-account neighbor on the other side was fine and strong like his.

"He stood there within his corn-corn which was changed by the corn around it, corn which impressed itself upon the corn around it. . . . Without knowing it was coming, there was suddenly that anger which makes men kill. He wanted to be let alone. He wanted to keep to himself. Hadn't a man a right to do that?"

"But the wind moved the corn and the corn responded—swayed, spoke. When you fight things larger than you, you only know that you are small. Because they were so much larger than he, he could only let himself go with them—only a fool will fight the winds that blow."

That night he took some seed corn and started for the neighbor's to the windward, explaining his purpose to his mother: "To take them seed and tell them what I know about raising corn. Because I can't have good corn while their corn's poor."

Has not the world grown as small as a countryside used to be? Does not "the wind that tramps the world" blow the pollen of liberty, civilization, decent and comfortable living from one land to another?

There are people who think a nation can live to itself. They think it has a right to be let alone. No unselfish motive—for the nation—moves them. But perhaps if they could meditate a bit upon the ways of pollen—as the man in the story did: "Only a fool will fight the winds that blow. For the first time in his whole life, without trying to limit his thinking, he thought. The corn . . . men . . . And he couldn't help this. It was that released him as wind releases life for other life."

Knowledge of English Language Necessary.

A new education bill recently passed by the lower house of the New Hampshire legislature and practically assured passage in the upper body contains several interesting Americanization clauses. It provides for the maintenance of Americanization schools for the instruction of all non-English speaking adults in the state. No non-English speaking person between the ages of

10 and 21, can be employed in any occupation unless he speaks and understands the English language. The bill also provides for the medium of instruction and administration, leaving foreign languages only as extra courses in addition to the prescribed course of study. Educators and public officials are realizing more and more that the simple banning of German or any other language is not enough to solve the problems created by our foreign population. Above everything else foreign-born residents must learn how to speak and read our language. Only so will they be able to understand what is going on about them and to take an intelligent interest in their prospects as American citizens.

When they all speak English or are on the way to speaking and reading it, the alien's great need for and reliance on the foreign language press will disappear. They will gladly choose to read publications printed in English. Then, too, these people will cease to be at the mercy of dishonest propagandists and malcontents who whisper to them in their native tongue rumors which they cannot combat so long as they are shut out from reading American books and papers and talking to American people.

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NEWSPAPER MEN ARE IN CLOVER

PARIS.—(By Mail)—Newspaper correspondents accredited to the Peace Conference are more popular than beautiful millionaires in their first season.

Queens, counts, princes, lords, ladies, ambassadors, ministers, presidents, would-be presidents, peace delegates and plain citizens who are unique in being mere messengers show the correspondents with invitations to teas, dinners, dinners and occasionally to audiences which have no social disguise.

American correspondents are in social demand. Everybody wants America's ear. Three social secretaries and a squad of motor dispatches would be required to avoid social errors and land a correspondent promptly at all the functions to which he is invited. And he would have no time for anything so prosaic as the piquant shenanigans of the Peace Conference.

Everything from Belsbazzar to the Bolsheviks is discussed at these social functions. Correspondents are whisked from New Guinea to Nova Zembla without warning. Ptolemy and Pompey are resurrected and discussed at such length that one might suspect they narrowly missed being selected as delegates to the Paris conference.

Ancient Greece and Rome no longer seem ancient. Philip of Macedon suddenly becomes modern. Persian poets sing of their country's proper boundaries with all the charm of Omar Khayyam. The Old Testament is introduced as a modern bit of literature designed to establish certain territorial claims.

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Such claims as that of Belgian for a readjustment of her relations with Holland come as a real relief to dazed newspaper men and weary delegates. That controversy only dates back to 1831, to the scrap of paper which Germany probably wouldn't tear up so ruthlessly if she could live the last five years over again.

Discussions of the Near Eastern questions are much the same, whether they be in the drawing room of the Prince of Hedjaz or the meeting of the Big Five at the Quai d'Orsay. They are reminiscent of weary classroom days with Homer, Herodotus and Virgil. Efforts to interest busy men in antiquity seem futile. Delegates doze through the exposition of ancient history and correspondents long for brief statements throwing light upon the recent history and aspirations of the various peoples who have lived in each discord for centuries along the shores of the Mediterranean.

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