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My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty.



ANNOUNCES DECLARATION OF DEPENDENCE.

Secretary Lane, in assuming his duties as chairman of the industrial conference in Washington, said:

"We will draft here a declaration of dependence, not of independence—a declaration that we are united one with another, that we live in one another's breath, and that we cannot live in isolation; that we must join hands together, not for our own sake alone, but for the greater sake of our country and of the world."

It is a happy phrase—a "declaration of dependence." It speaks the urgent need of the hour. Mutual dependence is the natural, logical follower of independence. After freedom comes cooperation; otherwise the fruits of freedom are lost.

The various classes and interests represented at the conference have not shown, so far, any too much of the spirit recommended by Secretary Lane. Reports from Washington reveal them as complaining over their proportionate representation, jockeying for advantage, quarreling over questions of precedence, etc. There is little to be gained by such methods for any group, and certainly nothing for the nation as a whole. What that conference needs, and what the nation and the world need today, more than anything else and more than ever before, is to acknowledge the dependence of all classes and nations upon each other, and proceed to work together instead of against each other.

LACK OF PRODUCTION IS FELT EVERYWHERE.

Why do homes cost so much nowadays?

There are many answers—high cost of materials, high cost of labor, high cost of capital, etc., each of which is divisible into many subordinate reasons.

A building trades council declares that one of the highest and most inexcusable reasons is the exaction of high fees for unnecessary services by "mortgage brokers," who thrive by getting second mortgages for people who do not understand how to get them by going direct to those who have money to lend.

This is doubtless one of the factors, and possibly an important one. But in emphasizing it, the building trades have invited attention to another contributing cause of which they and their brethren say nothing, but of which some of their critics say a great deal. It is the alleged limitation of output, or of productive work, by those trade unions.

Contractors say that workmen employed on houses and other buildings, while getting more pay than formerly do considerably less work for it, making any particular job last longer than it should.

Is not this an important factor in the high cost of homes? Is it not one of the reasons why the workmen themselves find it so hard nowadays to afford good homes? Is it not, in fact, the chief defect of trade unionism today—its limiting of production just when society needs production above all things else?

The way to get ahead, of course, is to let everybody to work more and produce more. How can workmen get ahead by producing less? It will readily be granted that they have not always in the past got as much of their product as they should have got. That, however, is rapidly remedied. It has already been remedied in recent years in great numbers of cases. Where there is still injustice, efforts should be concentrated on the problem of allowing fairly what is produced. To limit production is not advisable.

OFFICERS HERE AFTER PRISONERS

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Officers, Sheriff, Warnick, Chief of Police Christensen and their assistants were able to make the arrest. The woman carried a small white dog, and in this way was trailed through Idaho. Yesterday she asked permission

to give the dog away, but the chief of police refused to allow it.

The man held at Provo, says he came from Falls, South Dakota. The boys held in the city jail do not want to talk, although the woman said they got on at Pocatello and were on their way to Spokane. She claims the \$700 of the money found on her Sunday, most of which was hidden in her hair, in her own personal property, while the rest belongs to the boys, meaning her two companions here.

The Utah officers, this morning identified the prisoners as the persons wanted for the robbery. They identified them by their clothing, the bills found, and by a gun which they had in their possession and which belongs to Mendenhall. They do not deny that they were in Springville on Wednesday, nor that their car broke down at Snowville. They say they drove through from Kansas. The woman claims her husband is in an insane asylum and that he had three children, but that they are all dead. In her bag were found children's pictures and children's clothing.

Pictures of herself were also found taken at Rochester, and what looked like Waverly, Minnesota. All names of places and persons, which might lead to their identity, had been carefully erased from their belongings. All three appear to be members of the I. W. W., as much of such literature was found. One membership book shows that Frank Welber, giving occupation as farm hand, was initiated into Union No. 400 on July 16, 1919, by W. Sheridan. It is supposed that one of the two men is Frank Welber. Although the woman gave her name as Mrs. E. M. McCarthy, the officers think that her real name is Esthan Pollock.

With the \$3149.50 and the amount found on the couple at Brigham, the officers have recovered all but \$1000 of the amount stolen.

The Utah officers are waiting for requisition papers from Utah, which they ordered sent before they left Springville. They expect them tomorrow and as soon as they are received, the officers will start with the alleged robbers for Provo, Utah.

Says a Drug Store Clerk, if a Person Has Some Money, a Little Nerve and a Chance to Buy a Lease Near a Well Actually Drilling.

"Only one way of investing in the development of oil, that will insure a chance," says the Oklahoma Investor, in an interview with Oscar Howard, a man who has stepped from a poor clerk in a drug store to a multimillionaire, asking him how he did it. He said:

"It did not take me long to find out that Oklahoma had the oil, but how could I get a part of it was the problem I wished to solve. I had a very limited amount of money, and a fair job. I knew if I bought some land that was supposed to have oil under it, I could not drill a well as it took several thousand dollars to drill. In fact many thousands to buy even the casing after the well had been drilled, so I decided that my life was passing on and I must act on time. Feeling that if I did not attempt to better my condition it would not be bettered, so I decided to buy 40 acres of oil lease near to where some responsible fellows were going to drill, so I purchased 40 acres at \$200 per acre. The lease was a five-year lease. The well was drilled to the depth of 2500 feet and oil was found. My lease was worth \$3000 per acre. I sold half of it and retained the other part. Then I bought some more leases where wells were being drilled, and it was not long until I was very independent."

When asked if he bought stock in any of the oil companies, he said yes, he did until experience taught him that the sure way to win was to own what you own, and play the game as safe as possible. You will find people in the oil fields buy leases and they must be reasonably close to the well that is drilling.

"What do you mean by 'reasonably close'?"

"I mean within two miles."

"Then the main thing is to know what the owner of the lease will drill."

"Yes, that is it, exactly. You will notice in Oklahoma, where shiflers, farmers and laborers alike make millions when they play the game consistently, by buying leases. Oklahoma is as much of an oil state as Ohio is a farming state, and farming is not a serious matter in Ohio is it?"

The reason is that the farmer in Ohio takes the least amount of chance possible in farming, and the man who wins in Oklahoma do the same on oil, so they lose.

"Why is it that many people in Oklahoma have lost money by playing the oil game," was asked.

"Well, all we this, why has it been passed a blue sky law," was the answer.

"Because so many companies were formed that had no capital, I suppose," was the answer.

"Yes, you guessed about that, and if the company did not have the money what became of the stock holder? He just had the pleasure of buying a share that's all, and at the best for he owned a lease he yet had not had completed by some other people. Oil investments are the best if you win, and the best chance to win is by buying oil leases, in an oil country, and Oklahoma is sure an oil country—Adv."

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