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Shall It Be Unionism or Bolshevism.

The sudden illness of Samuel Gompers at Washington has lent additional force to the last speech he delivered in public. It was a solemn warning to the industrial conference that unless the steel strike were averted in a spirit of compromise and the employers accepted arbitration, Bolshevism, in the form of I. W. W. leadership, might gain control of American labor.

Class generally, but Mr. Gompers is perfectly right about it when he calls attention to their comparative leanness, and to the "red" peril that is always invading the own ranks and threatening respectable unions no less than capitalism. He says: "We have never yet made an assault—and it is farthest from our thoughts—upon the rights of property or the rights of management; but I say to you, gentlemen, you may win this strike unless you consent that it shall be adjusted after the fashion that we have so liberally proposed; but if you reject that method and the steel strike goes on and lasts a month or two or three months, and drugs out, and you have won, and these men (the I. W. W. agitators) are going about the country and preaching the doctrine of their unsharable conditions and the tyranny which they experience and the injustices which have been meted out to them, then whatever battle we have won the steel and will bear the consequences.

Our movement is constructive in character. You may dislike it. You may dislike us well enough or sufficiently not to wish to meet with us in representative capacity; you may not want to enter into agreements with us; but let me say this to you: You will either come to agreement with us or you will destroy the ability of our men in our movement to stand up for the fight. "We will be discarded as impotent or unfaithful; and if you discard us, if you decline to enter into agreement with us, you will have somebody worse than us to deal with."

The Automatic Telephone a Great Convenience.

Almost everywhere that automatic telephone service has been tried it has seemed to give satisfaction. It has not been perfect, of course, but at least it has been superior to the old-fashioned type which requires the great numbers of telephone girls. That kind of service was had enough when there were plenty of girls. Now that the telephone maiden seems to be vanishing, something mechanical must

be made to take her place. Where are the girls of industry, anyway? Have they all married? And if women with families are going out to work in such numbers as to create the disruption of the American home forever, where are those women? They do not seem to be doing the job for work. The "help wanted" columns in the daily papers grow longer day by day the "situations wanted" approach the vanishing point. And yet no hundreds of girls were killed in the war. Their whereabouts seem to be a mystery of economic life. Whether the mystery can be cleared up or not, the fact is paramount in every branch of industry that there is not human help enough to go around. The hungry giant of Production swallows every offering into his great maw and howls for more. The solution is to put machinery under the hand of the available workers so that each may do the work previously done by three or four.

No Art in America, Says Pennell.

There is no hope for America artistically, says Joseph Pennell, whose exquisite illustrations are well-known to magazine readers. "The people are devoted to Sunday comedies and the movies and that's the artistic expression they like." Mr. Pennell also says that prohibition has given the death blow to art and literature in the United States. "All the great artists have been drinking men," he explains. The poets have sung their songs after a glass or two of wine, and painters have produced their masterpieces when they have had several drinks. No art has been produced in the United States since the country went dry. Now, if this were really true, it might be rather sad. But it isn't quite consistent. The devotion to Sunday comedies and movies did not grow up in a dry atmosphere, but in a wet one. Also, to say that no art has been produced since the country went dry is to beg the question. A few months of comparative dryness irrigated rather freely by the presence of private stocks is hardly long enough to judge the artistic production of a nation. There is one important thing which critics who heap scorn upon Sunday comedies and popular music and movies are apt to forget. This is itself is a growth from a state when there was no interest at all in any art form. It is a child stage in artistic development. And along with that runs a very high degree of artistic appreciation by those who have outgrown the early stage. Never was there such keen love for beauty manifested in America as in the present day.

lacy. The inspirations were no finer than those of sobriety—they merely seemed finer to the unstrung imagination. The conclusion to be drawn from this indictment of America's artistic hopelessness is simply that Mr. Pennell's own vision has grown too pessimistic to see what is really happening. Let him look closely at the architecture of the new little homes springing up everywhere. Let him talk with the people who sell pictures and those who manage concerts. It is only a few critics with dark glasses who are despairing. Vast, vigorous, beauty-loving America is full of buoyant artistic hope.

Mediation for the Miners Is the Solution.

Secretary of Labor Wilson's action regarding the proposed strikers of the United Mine Workers of America on November 1, lends a more hopeful aspect to the situation. He has assumed jurisdiction under the law creating his office, which provides that "the secretary of labor shall have power to act as a mediator and to appoint commissioners of conciliation whenever, in his judgment, the interests of industrial peace require it to be done."

Certainly "the interests of industrial peace" call for prompt, effective action in this case, inasmuch as the strongest labor union in America declares its firm intention to walk out and close the coal mines, regardless of consequences, at the outset of cold weather, unless its extravagant demands be met. It is a question, however, whether even government intervention can appease the radical element in control of the organization.

Plowden Stott, one of Portland's leading attorneys, was suspected of being a yegman and spent Sunday in the Astin, Washington, jail. So far as known Plowden had not even thought of charging a fifty-thousand dollar attorney fee for a piece of legal work, and his record in Oregon is first class. It was finally established in the mind of the sheriff that he was not so bad and Mr. Stott was released. In explanation it must be stated that Plowden went to Astin to defend a client who had been his life-long friend.

Be sure and remember the great Roosevelt by getting your donation for his memorial in at once. Union county has not a great deal to raise and everyone who loves his country and his flag should have his name on the roster which will be deposited in the monument. It takes the Elks to have a show that people "go crazy" over. The Forty-nine show just ended was a whirlwind—it was a jazz—a tonic—a genuine treat. And how the people did enjoy it was evidenced by the large crowds nightly at the performance.

California has a physician who insists he can make old men young by a slight operation, etc. Watch the line-up at the outer door of his office. A land drawing in La Grande will have no crowd at all compared with that

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