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JUST WHAT IS A LABOR BOARD?

When Mr. McAdoo created the present Railroad Labor Board he made something that was apparently as useless as the wagon's fifth wheel. The present strike is a strike of shopmen who do not want to accept a cut in wages which the railroad companies want to give them. True, the cut came through the so-called Labor Board, but what is this institution?

The railroad companies hire the men and the railroad companies pay the men. It is the old question of employer and employee, as old as time, and the newly created board is about as effective as an innocent bystander.

When it is claimed that any court or board or tribunal no matter what it may be named, can take the place of the employer that claim is erroneous and this government cannot afford to attempt the Kansas Industrial trial court system which has proven to be anything but proper in handling questions arising between the party who hires and pays the party who works.

There never has been since Caesar's time a government or a ruler that could prevent men from quitting work when they were dissatisfied with their pay and there never will be. If those men see fit to quit work in a body it is their privilege, and a privilege that cannot be denied them.

If we are to live under the new Labor Board it is plain that the government is in the railroad business and it will not be long until the government will run the railroads either by government ownership or government control. The present attitude of the board cannot stand unless Uncle Sam takes over the roads. At least that is the way it looks to us.

NOT A BRIGHT FOURTH OF JULY

This is the day when America celebrates her independence. It is the natal day. But somehow it is hard to view the conditions existing in the world and in America today and feel that the outlook is bright.

We have all the coal miners out on a strike.
We have nearly half a million railroad employees out on a strike.

We have governmental problems that appall the men in congress.

We have debts that are draining the public.
We have had little success in collecting obligations due us from other governments.

And worst of all we have in America the free and easy, don't care spirit—the spirit of merely getting by and passing the buck to the next fellow.

If the colonial fathers could arise in their graves and see America today what would they say.

Would they not chastise us all for not preserving the great principles they fought for; would they not stand in amazement at the way the constitution of this land has been kicked and buffeted around obliterating the fundamental laws of equity and justice; would they be amazed at the pace we are living—the manner in which we are taking from the country and putting little back?

Where is the refreshing to counteract this gloomy synopsis of the situation? There is just one: Throughout American history our people have been equal to any emergency. Nothing has ever arisen that was not conquered and solved. Let us hope that feature still exists in American citizenship. For an emergency is before us. It remains to see how the manhood and womanhood of this country will meet it.

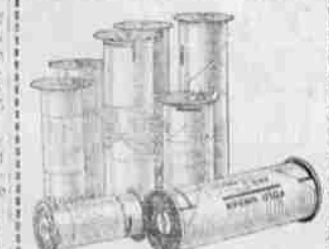
315 Lesser Leagues

One of the recent publications of the League of Nations is a handbook of international organizations which lists the names and gives a short summary of the objects of each. It may surprise readers to learn that 315 associations, bureaus and commissions are included in the list. These represent very nearly every sort of human activity—religion, sport, ethnology, weather, medicine, language and so on.

A great many of these organizations hold annual conventions or conferences, as any reading of the daily news shows. Representatives from many different countries attend their respective conventions, each learning for his own national group what people of other lands are doing and thinking about these subjects, getting acquainted with people as well as ideas, and establishing common bonds of friendship and interest.

Although confining themselves to restricted fields in every case, each one of these three hundred and more organizations might be regarded as an important member of a real and active, though undefined, league of nations. Eventually, too, their existence and work will benefit the big league whose purposes are broader than all theirs and include them all.

If Ireland is to have a square deal, surely the rest of the world to the day should provide that there will be a free Ireland, not Ireland at all.



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For the

Fourth

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—BY JUNIUS—



When your husband calls you the dearest creature on earth, be quite certain you grasp his meaning.

Every once in awhile you find an old-fashioned preacher who persists in preaching about religion.

And Sea Sickness
Teacher (to class in chemistry): "What does sea water contain besides the sodium chloride that we have mentioned?"
Small Boy—"Fish, sir."

If a sweet woman stays as long in the voting booth as she does in the telephone booth, more than half the time she is waiting to get her ballot in the box.

GOONNESS!
Daughter—"How do you like my new party gown, father?"
Father—"Why daughter, you surely aren't going out with half your back exposed?"
Daughter (looking in mirror): "Oh, father! How stupid of me, I have this dress on backwards."

And then there is our neighbor, Steve, who informed his wife he "guessed he wouldn't be sleeping on the floor the next few nights for cousin Harry from the city just wrote he'd be apt to walk in on him any minute."

The office cynic looks over the situation and remarks that if only the fit survive, those who fell by the wayside have been a sorry lot.

Some fellows never go to a wedding of a friend's bachelor, because they prefer to remember him as he was in life.

Getting On Rapidly
"Well, how many orders did you get yesterday?"
"I got two orders in one place."
"That's the stuff! What were they?"
"One was to get out and the other was to stay out."

In Nineteen Forty-Eight
By Strickland Gillilan
Washington, D.C. (Gleaned), May 19.—Little interest was manifested here today in the taking over of the U. S. postoffice department by its recent purchaser, the aged Henry Ford. Mr. Ford is also planning to give transfers from any of his American railroads to any of his trans-Atlantic steamship lines.

Save Up for It
The public may as well prepare now to give till it hurts when it

pays for the next winter's coat supply.

An East Side dumb bell said to us the other evening, without asking him for the information, that the girls can get as mad as they ding busted please, but if they don't want us men to see how they are built why don't they wear more clothes?

Pullman Conductor—"See, here, porter, what do you mean by hanging a red lantern on that berth?"
Rastus—"Rule 22 says to hang out a red light when the rear end of the sleeper is exposed, sah."

24 men who hunt work couldn't find it as early as those hunt trouble.

"Will you tell me how to finish an essay?" asks a correspondent. Turn the children loose on it with their roller skates.

ALL SET
He—"There is a certain question I've wanted to ask you for weeks."
She—"Well, hurry up, I've had the answer ready for months."

UMATILLANS ON WAY TO BAKER

Headed by Roy Ritter, state senator from Umatilla county, a number of citizens from over the hill arrived in La Grande last evening on their way to Baker to take part in the Oregon Trail celebration.

They were all happy and made big claims for the wheat crop in Umatilla county this year.

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