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LETTING THE PUBLIC SUFFER

Perhaps it is not time to reach a definite conclusion as to the rightness or the wrongness of the position taken by the railroad executives and the leaders of the striking shopmen—but no one, realizing the seriousness of the predicament, in which the public is placed, can avoid having an opinion.

The railroad executives declare that the shopmen accepted all the decisions of the railroad labor board while it was raising wages, and now refuse to accept a ruling which reduces their earnings. The strikers, on the other hand, declare that the railroad executives have in innumerable instances refused to accept other decisions of the board. Particular attention is called to the position taken by the Pennsylvania railroad which refused to abide by the decision of the board, and has not done so yet.

In this contention both sides of the controversy are right. And it goes to show that both are wrong in their attitude, so far as that great mass of people are concerned. Neither of them have obeyed the orders of the labor board; and neither of them apparently care what the effect of their acts will be upon the public.

The shopmen apparently do not consider that it is incumbent upon them to participate in the general reduction of earnings which all the people have taken. They sought their wages increased during the war on the very justifiable ground that the cost of living had increased and that they were not receiving a living wage; and the labor board raised their wages. Now the cost of living has decreased; yet they decline to follow the logic of their previous position and take their share in the reduction.

They know, or at least their leaders do, that the farmers of America have lost money during the past two years. Hundreds of families have been unable to pay their taxes, others have lost their farms. If the present low prices for farm products continue, and the present high freight rates, on all that the farmer has to buy, remain in effect, there is only one thing for the farmer to do. He must quit farming. Then where will the railroad business be?

Most of the traffic of the American railroads comes from the farms of the land. When the farming business fails, so to do the railroads. The need for railroad men will proportionately cease. This is an economic fact that both the presidents of the railroads and the presidents of the unions must consider.

But the railroad presidents have made up their minds that the unions must go. The railroad union presidents have decided that the public must continue to pay high freight rates regardless of whether the public makes a dollar or not. They know that the interstate commerce commission must make rates in accordance with the wages paid. So there you are. Neither side of the railroad controversy cares about the public. We can all starve or go broke so far as either contend-

ing party cares.

The public is not interested in the seniority rights of men who repair the cars and the engines. What the public is interested in seeing is the business of the nation cared for. Neither the railroad presidents nor the railroad workers need seek sympathy at the hands of the public if a business panic results from their stubbornness. Let the railroad men go back to work and adjust the differences later. In their meditations let them do some thinking about the rights of the public that has to pay the bills in any event.

THE FAIR THIS YEAR

After having been an exposition held just as a matter of course for several years, when the public was engrossed in the war, and in the adjustment thereafter, the 1922 Malheur county Fair is going to witness a revival of a real interest in that institution.

This is evident by the difference in the degree of enthusiasm which the business men of the city have shown. The committee has demonstrated pep. It has demonstrated faith in the people of the county by the belief that given an entertainment with the same degree of variety which marked the exhibitions a few years back they will come and enjoy themselves.

That is what the committee wants. They want the people of the county and of neighboring counties in Idaho to come for a big three day celebration. They want to furnish a show that the folks will talk about and which will make their stay in Ontario an event to be remembered.

Everyone knows that a real Fair can be put on here. There has been plenty of evidence of that in the past. But it takes real enthusiasm to put over such a show. In truth it must be admitted that at times that enthusiasm was lacking, in recent years, and there was a reason for it. No one was to blame, it was just so, and though the men who had charge of recent exhibitions did well, and the agricultural exhibition was excellent, never better in fact; the show in front of the grandstand at times did not meet the standard of the early exhibitions.

The committee this year canvassed the situation. They said: We have got to put the entertainment features back to the standard of the best, and we are going to do it. But we must have funds to do that. So the business men of Ontario have subscribed the necessary guarantee fund. The committee is going to make the show better than it ever has been. There will be more variety, there will be more contests. There will be more games shown than ever before. There will be something doing every minute and in so many different ways that not only those who like good horse racing, or who like buckaroo events will be happy, but those who like auto races, foot races, horse shoe pitching and dozens of other events will have something to please them during the afternoon programs.

But best of all, there is being manifested a spirit among the business men to make the show here worth while, to give their time and thought to making the stay of the visitor enjoyable for him. That is the spirit that counts. With spirit manifest the success of the Fair is assured now.

If the warden at the penitentiary does not keep on the lookout Al Chance will sell the place to some wandering band of gypsies. Better warn the Governor, too, to lock up the Capitol, for Al will get away with that too.

TIMELY ADVICE

The last issue of the Jordan Valley Express voiced the following warning to its readers—presumably some of its readers:

We suggest to those who make it a practice of celebrating in Jordan Valley during the night that they change bootlegger and try and find some moonshine with less noise in it. If not some of the revelers will wake up in the city cooler some morning.

REPRESENTATIVE VETERANS BUREAU WILL BE IN ONTARIO

For the purpose of interviewing all disabled World War veterans of this community relative to government compensation, vocational training, hospitalization and war risk insurance, L. H. Wood, special contact representative of the United States Veterans' Bureau, will arrive in Ontario August 11 for a period of one day, according to an announcement received here today.

Mr. Wood states in an advance communication that all former service people who can prove that they are disabled 10 per cent or more because of war service are entitled to federal compensation and that those who are unable to carry on their pre-war occupations because of war injuries are entitled to vocational training at the expense of the government. Veterans seriously ill from war disabilities should be hospitalized immediately he stated. Hundreds of veterans, it is believed, are also ready to reinstate their war risk insurance.

"Because of the fact the the Veterans' Bureau is but one year old, there are some things for disabled veterans of the northwest district still undone", said Mr. Wood. "However, I believe it is safe to say that rapid progress is being made in developing an organization which will properly care for injured service people and rehabilitate those who are able to take vocational education."

"At the district office in Seattle, we have more than 11,000 claims for government compensation from veterans alleging war disabilities. Approximately 8000 disabled veterans of the three states receive either straight compensation or government allowances of \$30 a month or more. More than a half million dollars a month is being paid directly into the hands of disabled veterans of Washington, Oregon and Idaho through the Veterans' Bureau."

"The government is as eager to adjudicate all claims of ex-service people as the veterans are to have their claims passed upon. An important feature of the Veterans' Bureau is the Board of Appeals which reviews all cases brought to its attention by claimants not satisfied with decisions of the Bureau's rating board."

Mr. Wood announced that this district of the Veterans' Bureau has recently established an employment service for the benefit of disabled veterans of Washington, Oregon and Idaho who have completed vocational training courses at the expense of the government and been declared rehabilitated.

"Many employers, we believe, are in a position to assist materially in securing positions for those former service people who struggled so earnestly for many months and sometimes years to become qualified in some trade or profession and thereby overcome disabilities due to war service which made it impossible for them to return to their pre-war occupations", stated Mr. Wood. "The Veterans' Bureau has rehabilitated more than 900 disabled veterans and many of those are now unemployed. Scores of the 3300 veterans now in training will complete their vocational education within two or three months. Many of these veterans have families to support. They have been trained to do a variety of work including all kinds of clerical positions, mechanical and other kinds of trades jobs and also a few professional men. With the revival of business this summer and fall every employer should make it a point to give these men an opportunity to make a living for themselves and their dependents. Employers needing help should get in touch with the nearest Veterans Bureau office."

The hospital situation in relation to proper care and facilities for disabled veterans is improving rapidly, according to the government representative. There are approximately 900 former service men in hospitals of the Pacific Northwest district at the present time. With the dedication recently of the new government hospital at Walla Walla, Wash., all service people suffering from tuberculosis will be taken care of. Official announcement that the government is to build a \$1,500,000 hospital at Camp Lewis, Wash., means that veterans suffering from mental and nervous diseases will be properly housed and treated. It is expected that construction work on this hospital will begin this fall.

Mr. Wood will make his headquarters at the Moore hotel,

Broken Pinion Delays Party

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Howland and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan E. Oakes were enroute home from the Little Salmon last Tuesday when the pinion on the driving shaft of Mr. Howland's car broke on the hill the other side of The Meadows. No repairs could be secured either at Meadows or Boise, and it was necessary to send to Salt Lake for them. After waiting several days for the arrival

of the parts, Mr. and Mrs. Oakes secured transportation to the railroad and came home by train Thursday.

W. S. Maher formerly of Jordan Valley, but now a resident of Boise, was an Ontario visitor Sunday with T. T. Kohout.

A little late, but still in hope that the huckleberries have not gone from the upper hills, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Logan and daughters Miss

Cecil and Miss Myrtle, accompanied by Dave Logan, drove down here from Brogan Sunday and then continued on their way to the Payette Lakes country. The Logans reported that the range in the Cow Valley section which, as its name implies, is the habitat of many bovines, is very dry and the cattle men are not enthusiastic over the present outlook, but have hopes for improved conditions this fall.

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