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A NATIONAL LABOR COURT

(Philadelphia Public Ledger)

It may be that the most important thing for America, among the many important subjects touched in the President's message, will be his proposal for a national court, with powers to halt, hinder, prevent and arbitrate strikes. As the President states it, this takes on the outlines of a National Industrial Court, something like that in force in Kansas.

The proposal is a seed falling into a prepared, receptive and fertile soil in the national mind. It was only yesterday that a million rail workers coolly prepared to starve and freeze the Nation into submission.

Samuel Gompers is ready with his expected shudders and protests. The Kansas Industrial Act has eaten into the Gompers soul. He fears its extension by the Nation, with the power of the Nation behind it. Then, ah, then, there might be an end to the autocracy of labor and a finish to such autocrats as Gompers and the little autocrats all the way down to the walking delegate.

Labor may wave its arms and protest bitterly, but its own doings and those of the stone-headed type of capitalism that belongs to the sixteenth century have brought this proposal upon themselves. This country is sick of strikes, and every new threat and disorder stirs it to a bitter mood. The great third party to every strike is somehow and sooner or later going to make itself felt.

President Harding can count upon a chorus of "Amen!" from the Nation when he says:

"As we have great bodies of law carefully regulating the organization and operations of industrial and financial corporations, as we have treaties and compacts among nations which look to the settlement of differences without the necessity of conflict in arms, so we might well have plans of conference of common counsel, of mediation, arbitration and judicial determination in controversies between labor and capital."

Why not? Capital and labor constantly are taking their grievances before Congress and the President and such boards as now exist. There is growing demand for an ending to foolish and destructive industrial wars that hurt capital, labor and the community. The public is weary of being the wrestling-mat for these struggles.

Those who would like to attribute the steady rise in market prices of Liberty bonds to unusual trading activity in those issues must look elsewhere for an explanation. Records show that in November of this year sales of Liberty bonds amounted to \$214,000,000, while in November of last year the sales were \$205,000,000. There is so little difference in the figures that the market prices could not have been affected thereby. Better business conditions and renewed confidence in the government at Washington are the real reasons for the big improvement that has come in the Liberty issues.

Could not everything that the special session of the Legislature may do have been done about as well through the initiative?

The sessions of the berry growers are quite as important for this part of Oregon as are the sessions of the Legislature in special session.

Farmers' blocs are all the go.

The cold snap is no snap for the man whose auto radiator and pipes are all frozen up.

Fix it so that the other fellow will have to bear the expenses, and everybody will be in favor of the 1925 fair.

We are rapidly approaching the period of the overburdened owner of a buzz wagon, to keep company with the overburdened taxpayer.

Now for an agreement on the question of submarines. Here is a hunch: The views of the United States will be adopted.—Exchange.

The days will grow longer after today, and in the spring weather that will soon come we will forget all our troubles and inconveniences during the cold snap.

The agreement for the naval holiday of ten years has been signed by the United States, Great Britain, France and Japan. Bearing such signatures it is not likely to be treated as a "scrap of paper."

Roy Gardner has been sentenced to another 25-year stretch for train robbing. That makes 75 years he has to serve. That will run him up to 1996. The Democrats ought to elect a president by that time.—Los Angeles Times.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., writes to say that the estate of his father has never reached the sum of one billion dollars. His apology is accepted. But, in spite of the criticism of rich men in this country, it must be admitted that the elder Rockefeller has done a lot of good to the peoples of the world with his coin.

The change in the government of Canada will take place immediately, following the defeat of Premier Meighen, who gives way to W. L. McKenzie King, leader of the Liberal party. They don't wait four months for the shifting of the head of the government as we do in the United States. The Canadian plan has much to recommend it.

The methods of the present arms parley seem to confuse the Japanese. The American atmosphere of openness and frankness has been too much for the oriental. It is not the way they are accustomed to seeing matters of diplomacy adjusted. The Japanese do not seem to have grasped the idea that speaking openly and frankly is the best diplomacy.

Lord Bryce is "doggedly optimistic" about America and her future. And the reasons for this optimism are as significant as the quality itself. The first reason for this confidence is the part that public opinion plays here. It is the product of a greater number of minds than in any other nation, and it knows how to express itself. For this reason it awes party leaders, holds in check party or-

ganizations and in the end determines the direction of the nation's policy.

It is as "AE" says, "the affairs of the Irish people have been handled for them hitherto. Now they must handle these themselves; they must make national decisions about financial policy, trade policy, education, agriculture, labor, economic development, the nature of the social order and the whole character of an Irish civilization."—Boston Transcript.

If not now, later. Some day, we cannot say how soon, the tidings of centuries may be flashed abroad by international wireless under the control of the League of Nations of that day, that this isolated earth of ours has reached understandable communication with Mars or some other planet. The result from this communication to our knowledge of things cosmic may be incalculable.—Denver News.

PHILIPPINE QUESTION AGAIN.

Editor Statesman: We have your editorial on "Governor Wood and the Philippines" in which you state: "The conclusions are what has been expected by competent observers. Being familiar with the spirit of American fairness, we believe you wish to hear the other side of the case—the views of the Filipino people."

Permit us to say that the issue and the only issue about the Philippine question is whether the stable government required by the Jones law passed by congress in 1916 is already established. If it is, then our independence must be granted. The law did not require for the Filipinos to have flawless administration of justice, hospitals in every nook and corner of the islands, a perfect sanitary system, and "many others" required by the Wood-Forbes report.

If there is any mistake that could be attributed to the Filipino self-government, it is the same mistake being found in this country—in any democratic country—the defects and by-products of democracy.

The real Philippine issue will not be befuddled by demanding a government little less than perfection. The stable government is already established. It is as stable as any democratic government; it has defects which can be favorably compared with the defects of the United States government. And as V. S. Srinivasa Sastri, representative of India on the British delegation to the arms conference declared: "If I am to believe your newspapers, you have the rottenest government in the world here. Yet you all look contented and well-fed."

With the birth of the four-power treaty having for its avowed object the keeping of peace in the Pacific the Japanese bug-a-boo as an important factor in Philippine independence question is dead. There is not the

slightest reason to doubt but that the four-power treaty will be signed in good faith and if it is, a Philippine republic, the first Christian democracy of the Far East, will be perfectly safe. If the United States sets it up as a daughter republic, the four greatest nations of the earth will be behind it. But should there be the least apprehension on this score it will now be comparatively easy and simple matter for the United States to induce its allies, Japan, Great Britain and France, to sign a special Philippine republic neutrality agreement.

The Filipinos ask for absolute independence and free the United States government of having "responsibility without authority." Manuel Quezon, president of the Philippine senate, in addressing the Nationalist party convention, said:

"We do not want nor need American protection. It is unworthy of a people clamoring for independence to ask for help. Only those ready to maintain independence deserve freedom. If the Filipinos wish not to live under a master they must assume the entire responsibility for their existence."

The stable government required by the Jones law is already established. We come now before the American people, the arbiters of this great question involving the present and future happiness of the 10,500,000 Filipinos and say:

"We stand here for justice. Shall we have it?" Hoping you will give this letter publicity, we are, yours very truly,

—Philippine Press Bureau, E. B. Rodriguez, Acting Manager.

The above letter, under date of December 14, comes from the headquarters in this country for the paid propaganda for Philippine independence, 552 Munsey building, Washington, D. C. The propagandists are paid out of the depleted Philippine treasury, as was pointed out in a recent article in the Saturday Evening Post by Mrs. Eleanor Francis Egan.

The politicians of the Philippines are behind it, and not the people of the Philippines. This Mr. Rodriguez makes a great play on words; on the idea of a "stable" government. Former Governor Forbes and General Wood, the present governor-general of the Philippines, have investigated and told the world that the Filipinos have not a stable government; and Mrs. Egan showed that it is far from stable—in fact, she found it all but verging on Bolshevism, with a partial or complete failure of most of the government-owned and operated activities which were set up during the former administration—the Democratic administration, in which the Filipino law makers went wild and acted like tyros or children in undertaking all sorts of impossible schemes at the expense of their general treasury.

The conditions there came to a point about as bad as they could be, short of complete collapse; all of which shows that they have not a stable government; and that the exploiting and ambitious politicians, like this man Manuel Quezon who is quoted above, are not capable of giving these 10,500,000 Filipinos a stable government.

The people of the United States are apt to take the word of men like Former Governor Forbes and General Leonard Wood above the word of paid propagandists sent over here by the crew that was given a free hand in the Philippines under the administration of the men sent there under the administration of President Wilson. One of the impositions and useless items of expense which Governor General Wood ought to have abolished soon is this same "Philippine Press Bureau" at Washington. It is doing no good and much harm. It is impeding the progress of the Filipinos towards a point where they will be able to maintain a stable government.

Stars of the flag. Now they are having a little controversy over the position of the stars in the blue field on the national ensign. They are laid out in straight lines with mathematical exactness, while every body knows that the stars in the heavens are hodge-podged in astronomical splendor. Some would arrange the stars of the flag to represent the capitol, Niagara Falls or some other design. Since the 18th amendment went into ef-

fect it would be appropriate to set the stars after the pattern of the Great Dipper—upside down. In this age it is not even expected that the American flag can be accepted without criticism.

GOING INTO CONFERENCE After the disarmament conference is over England and France are going to invite Uncle Sam to hold an economic conference. We will have the conference habit just as if we belonged to the League of Nations. Better an hour of conference than a century of armed strife.

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THE average man who insists upon smoking a 15-cent cigar often lets the other fellow buy it.

'KRINGLE RHYMES

Oh! You Men

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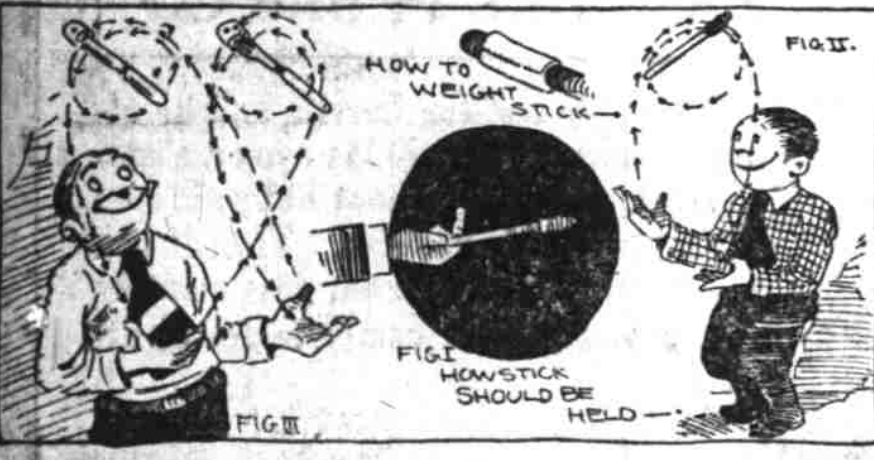
FUTURE DATES

December 21, Wednesday—American Day program at Salem Armory.
December 22, Thursday—Salem O.A.C. Christmas party, labor hall.
December 25, Monday—Legal holiday.
January 2, Monday—Legal holiday.
January 4, Wednesday—Salem Sym-

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EASY JUGGLING LESSON 5



Rasso, one of the most widely known professional jugglers, has prepared a series of ten lessons in easy juggling especially for the readers of this newspaper. This is the fifth lesson. Another one next week.

Juggling Long Objects Around one end of a piece of broomstick two feet long, wrap a strip of lead sheeting two inches wide and six inches in length. Or, instead of lead, a longer strip of the may be used. Wrap the metal tightly, and to help hold it in place and to serve as a protection for your hands, wrap it with the tape. This metal weights one end of the stick.

Grip the light end with your right hand, or, if you are left-handed, with your left hand. Hold the stick out with your elbow well bent and placed naturally and not stiffly against your body. (Figure 1.)

Make Half Turn With a sharp flip of the wrist, toss the stick into the air so that the weighted end comes towards you. Use only enough force to make the stick take a half turn. Catch the weighted end.

Repeat the toss a number of times. Then, with the weighted end of the stick in each hand, toss

ing it take a turn toward the left. When it is in mid-air, toss up the left-hand stick, making it take the same number of turns toward the right. It must cross the course of the first stick underneath. (Figure 3 shows the courses of the two.)

Do this once and then stop. Do it again and stop, and finally try to cross the sticks without hesitation. Use a good wrist movement so that you do not appear to be exerting yourself greatly. Toss the sticks evenly. Your audience will be pleased. This form of juggling is excellent for developing the wrist and forearm muscles.

For bottles, Indian clubs, and even knives and forks may be juggled in the same manner. (Figure 3 shows a boy juggling a knife and fork.) I caution you to use a dull knife and to place a large cork over the point. Put a cork on the prongs of the fork, too.

Next week I shall describe some interesting tricks in balancing which you can do with little or no practice.

ONE REEL YARNS

A MODERN ST. NICHOLAS "St. Nicholas doesn't come with horses any more," said Hilda Van Derwent, turning up her nose at her "country cousin." "If you lived in a big city like Amsterdam, you'd know that he wouldn't when he can use an aeroplane."

"An aeroplane!" gasped Julianna. Hilda nodded importantly. "Since the war they're very common."

Julianna sighed. "I don't think I like that," she said. "It's so nice to think he comes driving a horse. And I always put hay in my shoe for his horses, when I set it out on the table on St. Nicholas night. Just as mother says every one has done in Holland always. And what could an aeroplane do with hay?" "I'm sure I don't know," said Hilda. "Don't worry."

