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WAGE GAINS, LONG RUN

THE rather furious race toward readjustment of employment conditions in commerce and industry has allowed today's worker little time to browse about, take stock of what has already happened, and figure how he will fit into the scheme of things after the smoke clears away.

Legally and sentimentally, the worker is entitled to whatever jubilation he may find in his new position. But if he is to be thoroughly honest with himself, he must sit down and with cold figures determine which side of the economic balance sheet he will occupy after his demands are granted.

An illustration of the wisdom of this sort of thing occurred in New York City with the granting of the new six and seven-hour day pacts in the building trades.

The contractors, from whom the agreement was obtained, insist that they are, for all practical purposes, only hired men, and that the real bosses are the people who put up the money for the buildings. And, pushing the point to its conclusion, they say that increased costs under the wage and hour agreements, together with higher cost of material, will cause builders to cancel construction of new projects.

It is argued further that the new agreements do not take into consideration the seasonal nature of building work or the added unprofitable time between start and completion of a structure, due to slackened production.

The case of the plasterers has been cited as an example of how things may work out. Here, says the contractors, the boss is the architect who is figuring out costs and results. With the plasterers' working day cut to six hours, and their wage increased to \$2 an hour, the architect seeks and finds a cheaper plaster substitute—and then gives the work to carpenters or masons.

Supposing the contractor to be blessed with the most benevolent attitude toward his men, he still claims he is powerless to prevent the workers' total annual income from decreasing, in spite of the higher hourly wage.

From the workers' viewpoint, the wage and hour agreement was a rightful triumph, duly won under existing laws and wholly in accordance with the spirit of the times. Even the contractors make no issue there.

What does seem unfortunate is that the building employees apparently have acquired a victory garland studded with mighty peasy thorns. The contractors have been placed in a ticklish spot at the mercy of the laws of supply and demand; the architects are being forced into using less durable substitute materials, all while the building public hesitates before its next step.

PERSISTENT JOB SLACK

ALTHOUGH unemployment remains one of the principal factors in America's industrial equation, nevertheless it is continuing to decline.

Statistics of the National Industrial Conference board report that half a million people went back to work in April, and that the total re-employed since the first of January is 1,400,000 persons.

As an indicator of steady improvement in business, this is extremely encouraging. The fly in the ointment, of course, is the fact that unemployment is still high in spite of the improvement. The conference board estimates that at the end of April the unemployed still numbered 6,981,000—and this despite the fact that nearly half a million more people are estimated to be at work in manufacturing activities than at the height of the 1929 boom.

"Taking up the slack" is a tough process when the slack keeps increasing as you take it up.

WHAT'S WHAT IN RUSSIA?

ANY American who tried to keep track of the various "purges" by which the Russian government is trying to root out disaffected officials might well be pardoned if he threw up his hands in complete confusion.

The trials and executions of the "Trotskyists"—coupled, as they were, with those gentlemen's amazing confessions—were hard enough to keep straight. Now comes a clean-up in the army, with eight high officers sentenced to death for traitorous roles in a "Fascist plot."

That the Russian government is willing to take the most drastic measures to root out disloyalty is obvious. But if all of these prosecutions and confessions mean what they seem to mean, isn't it equally obvious that there must be a great deal more disloyalty in Russia, among educated and highly-placed people, than friends of the red government are prepared to admit?

FOR OLD TIMES' SAKE

A RETURN to normalcy in drug stores is indicated by Fordham University's new model "Pharmacy of the Future," which, it is promised, will handle nothing but pharmaceutical products.

Now there is nothing particularly wrong with the neo-modern drug store, with its wide selection of odds and ends which the hurried householder can pick up in an urgent moment. But the sentimental victim of today's furious living, who yearns to steal as of old into a quiet apothecary for a refreshing sniff of tempting aromatic odors, finds that the hustling drug stores in current vogue just don't quite hit the spot.

Without embroiling itself in any dispute over the merits of these types of business, Fordham seems to have clinched a grand idea. But to be perfect, the "Pharmacy of the Future" should concede this one thing: on the back counter it should have three big glass jars, stocked with red, white and pink peppermints.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

NO ACTION TAKEN
 (Corvallis Gazette-Times)
 UNCLE SAM has always been rather fuzzy about his mail matter. President Cleveland interfered in the great Chicago R. R. strike with federal troops in order to keep the mails moving. Roosevelt should have done

so in the last fall longshoremen strike, if he had had any regard for his oath of office. There was another flagrant violation of the mails in Pittsburgh—two weeks or so ago. There was the regular strike going on at a steel mill plant and the strikers held up a mail truck sent out regularly by the post office there to deliver mail to the plant offices. Strikers not only broke the windows in the truck and ransacked it, but they delayed it for some time till they got ready to let it pass on its way. Nothing has been done about it and probably will not be, though if the truck had been held up by an economic strikers list he would probably be in jail now—or out on bail. The law is positive in such matters, the postal laws and regulations reading as follows:

"Whoever shall knowingly and willfully obstruct or retard the passage of mail, or any carriage, horse, driver, or carrier, or car, steamboat or other conveyance or vessel carrying the same, shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than six months, or both."

If there had been any law enforcement in this regard, it is quite likely that it would have been in the public prints for any effort on the part of the administration to curb strikers for unlawful acts would have been news as surely as the case of the man biting the dog. Longshoremen held up the mails for four months, but nothing was done about it. Statutes, like campaign promises and party platforms, are to be disregarded with impunity by the New Deal, the supreme court flouted, threatened and packed. No wonder the average citizen has so little respect for the law, but let an economic royalist use his ingenuity in getting around an unfair and discriminatory income tax law! Then is when the law enforcement agency shows great indignation.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER
 Register-Guard Washington Correspondent
 WASHINGTON, June 19.—One of the various ways things seem to be going these days is indicated by the fact that Samuel Gompers has been kicked out of the American Federation of Labor and asked about to become a member of the C. I. O.

This Gompers is Samuel J. Gompers, a son of the famous labor leader who was head of the A. F. of L. for many long years. He is chief clerk in the Department of Labor and a charter member of Lodge No. 12 of the American Federation of Government Employees, an A. F. of L. union.

The union's executive council has suspended Lodge No. 12 and several other government employee lodges with a membership of about 2000 because these lodges joined in a fight to protect members against the administration's so-called economy drive without permission of the union's national officers.

And now the suspended lodge have had a mass meeting and condemned the A. F. of L. and voted to urge the C. I. O. to start organizing federal employees. But if Gompers is not a union man in good standing he is at least in good company. John Lewis and his United Mine Workers have been suspended from the A. F. of L. and the federation's president, William Green, is under charges brought by his own union, the aforesaid United Mine Workers.

They Learn About Electricity

The people at the Rural Electrification Administration used to think they knew all about electricity, but they learn more every day. Their agents keep in touch with the farm people to whom REA brings juice for the first time.

One farmer's wife bought a vacuum cleaner immediately after her house had been wired. This seemed rather funny because there wasn't a rug on the premises. But she explained that as soon as the apple core was sold she was going to buy a rug, and that she would then use the vacuum cleaner. And there's another farm family which bought an electric range as soon as electricity was wired into the house, but persists in using kerosene lamps for light as a matter of personal preference.

The farmer who was paying an electricity bill of \$15 a month turned out to have no electrical appliance in his house other than a refrigerator. But he was leaving the refrigerator door open all day and all night to keep the place cool and he thought it was worth it.

Another rural customer who doesn't bother to put electric lights in the house is a raiser of frogs. He bought electricity so he could run a wire to the edge of his frog pond and put an electric bulb under the water in order to attract flies and other insects which frogs consider palatable.

Some farmers write in that the hens lay up to twice as many eggs since electricity came and made it possible to put a radio in the hen house. One especially grateful man wrote the REA to thank it for saving the lives of four newly-born calves. In a moment of desperation when they seemed to be lost he carried them from the barn to the house and revived them with the bathroom heater he had installed a few days previously.

On the other hand REA gets quite a few complaints, indicating that smart salesmen are selling refrigerators, vacuum cleaners and other electrical appliances in areas where there is no immediate hope or thought of providing electricity.

Not Always Quietly

Occasionally someone asks what has become of Mrs. Dolly Gann, who officially became second lady of the land during the Hoover administration by virtue of her position as sister of and hostess for former Vice President Charles Curtis. The answer is that she is living quietly here in Washington.

Sometimes, however, Mrs. Gann does not live as quietly as at other times.

About 3 o'clock on a recent morning she was awakened by a loud crash on the front porch. Fearing something had happened to her nephew, Harry Curtis, who had been out on a late social engagement, she leaped from bed, called the maid, dashed downstairs and found a figure enmeshed in a tangle of rugs and potted palms.

This turned out not to be Harry, who soon came downstairs himself. They tried to make the stranger go away. But the man refused and kept insisting that Dolly Gann, whose name he didn't know, was the most beautiful woman he had ever seen. He kept on refusing and insisting until the patrol wagon came.

AN EDITORIAL ON HEALTH

By DR. MORRIS FISHBEIN
 Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, and of Hygiene, the Health Magazine
 THE taking of moderately warm baths at regular intervals helps relax the tissues and in that way to influence the blood pressure favorably.

It has been suggested that complete rest in bed even at home would be beneficial for patients with high blood pressure, but most authorities are inclined to emphasize the beneficial effects of moderate exercise as compared with complete rest.

One doctor with extensive experience advised, first of all, for the most serious cases, three or four weeks in bed under conditions of complete relaxation.

During this time, the diet is established, all infections are removed and the patient is taught the proper mode of existence for a person with this condition. This, of course, is what is largely accomplished under sanatorium conditions.

The treatment of the symptoms of high blood pressure is not always satisfactory. The distress is usually relieved with adequate amounts of rest. Competent doctors can prescribe drugs which will help to control restlessness or insomnia.

Not much is gained, however, by attempts to reduce the blood pressure with the use of various drugs, although there are many different preparations which can bring about a temporary reduction in the blood pressure.

The widespread belief that high blood pressure is more common among those under great mental strain and responsibility and particularly among high pressure business executives makes it obvious that some attention must be given to the speed of life.

Sir Humphrey Rolleston has summarized the whole point of view for a patient with high blood pressure in the following words:

"The hard-working and hard-living man of affairs must relax and reduce the stress and strain of his existence. He must learn to play, to take real holidays and frequent days and week-ends, to follow hobbies, and avoid over-eating."

Old-Fashioned Service at Christian Church

Mrs. McKeever to Be Guest; Picnic Is Arranged For Congregationalists

By IRVA F. EDWARDS

(Register-Guard Church Editor)

With the women sitting on one side of the church, and the men on the other, the evening service at the First Christian church Sunday will open with Hal Young, director of the choir, using a tuning fork to start the singing. Such will be features of the old-fashioned "meeting" at which Dr. S. Earl Childers, pastor of the church, will speak on "What Saves Us?"

Present on Sunday evening will be one person who will know if the service is being carried out true to the old form, for she has been a member of the Christian church for about 80 years. She is Mrs. A. C. McKeever of Portland, who will be honored as a special guest.

Mrs. McKeever is the grandmother of Professor Young, church choir director. She is 93 years old and has been prominently connected with the church almost all of her life.

Related To Founder

The Portland resident is a niece of Alexander Campbell, outstanding minister and teacher in the Christian church, which he founded. Mr. Campbell also founded Bethany college and for many years was its president.

Mrs. McKeever is a charter subscriber to the Christian Standard, devoted to the Christian Standard, which has been published for 60 years. She has traveled a great deal, having visited most all of the countries in Europe and Asia.

Go To Bellfountain

No Sunday services are scheduled for the First Congregational church, as the local congregation will journey to Bellfountain park for a picnic with the Congregational church group from Corvallis. The picnic is scheduled for 11 a. m.

Services at the Creswell Presbyterian church Sunday will feature children, and the coming week has been set aside in that vicinity as "Children's Week."

At the Grace Lutheran church, the zone rally of the Walther League of southern Oregon will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Evangelist Coming

The Church of Christ at Creswell has announced opening of an evangelistic service on July 6, with James Alley in charge.

Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock Rev. U. G. Clark, pastor of the Church of God in Eugene will preach in the armory at Cottage Grove.

Closing Friday was the first annual general conference of the Open Bible Standard Evangelistic association, which was held in the Lighthouse temple. Over 200 delegates from the western and mid-western states were in Eugene, and several prominent speakers appeared on the program.

First Methodist Episcopal:

Twelfth and Willamette streets. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning service, 11 o'clock, sermon, "Thoughtfulness for Our Fathers." Broadcast over KORE from 11:30 to 12 noon. Christian Endeavor, 6:15 p. m. Evening service, 7:30 o'clock, sermon, "What Saves Us?" Special old-fashioned service, Mid-week service, 7:30 p. m., Wednesday, choir rehearsal, 7:30 p. m., Thursday.

Church of the Nazarene:

At 512 Madison street. Bertrand F. Peterson, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m., W. C. T. U. oration contest. Morning worship, 11 o'clock. Young people's service, 7 p. m.

Church of Christ:

At 126 Blair boulevard. T. H. Tarbet, Jr., minister. Bible school, 10 a. m. Morning service, 11 o'clock, sermon, "Christianity and Denominationalism." Evening service, 8 o'clock, sermon, "Four Questions Concerning Jesus." Bible class Wednesday evening, 8 o'clock.

Grace Lutheran:

Missouri Synod. Martin P. Simon, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 o'clock, sermon, "A Glimpse into Heaven." Broadcast over KORE, 1 p. m. Zone rally of the Walther League of southern Oregon, 2:30 p. m.

Church of God:

Third and Monroe streets. Rev. U. G. Clark, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 o'clock, sermon, "The True Riches." Junior church downstairs, 11 a. m. Mrs. Fegles in charge. Christian Crusaders, 6:45 p. m. Evening service, 7:45 p. m., Joe Kernutt speaking. Mid-week service, Wednesday, 7:45 p. m., with Women's Missionary society in charge.

Open Door Mission:

Pentecostal. At 251 Eighth avenue-west. Walter R. Jones, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 o'clock, sermon by the pastor. Evening worship, 7:45 o'clock, message by Evangelist Hull. Services each evening at 7:45 o'clock, with messages by Evangelists Warren and Clara Hull. Prayer meeting Tuesday and Friday at 2:30 p. m.

Emmanuel Lutheran:

Second avenue-west. Rev. K. Neagard, pastor. Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Morning worship, 10:30 o'clock, sermon, "The Believer's Relation to the World." Evening worship, 7:30 o'clock.

Community Liberal:

Unitarian. Eleventh and Ferry streets. Rev. Herbert Hixson, pastor. Adult forum, 10 a. m. Prof. Jesse H. Bond speaking on "Can You Take It?" followed by discussion. Worship service, 11 a. m., sermon, "Four Devils that Destroy Your Happiness."

Bethany Evangelical:

Sixth and Blair streets. Rev. C. S. Berger, pastor. Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Morning worship, 11 o'clock, sermon, "The Wonderful Christ." Young people's meetings, 6:30 p. m. Evening service, 7:30 o'clock, sermon, "Christ—Fellow Traveler." Bible fellowship, Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

Central Lutheran:

Sixth and Pearl streets. P. J. Luvaas, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning service, 11 o'clock, sermon, "A Christian's Greatest Weakness."

Lighthouse Temple:

Twelfth and Olive streets. E. J. Fulton, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 o'clock, sermon by Rev. R. B. Mitchell. Evening service, 7:30 o'clock, with evangelistic sermon and special music. Evening service broadcast over KORE from 8 to 9 o'clock. Band practice Monday evening. Mid-week service Tuesday night. Prayer service, 1 p. m. Thursday. Evangelistic service, Friday night.

Methodist Episcopal:

Coburg. Dr. J. D. McCormick, pastor. Morning service, 9:45 o'clock, sermon, "Our Debt to Our Fathers." Church school, 10:45 a. m.

Creswell Presbyterian:

Sunday school, 10 a. m. The morning service at 10:30 o'clock, will include the Children's day exercises, the topic being "The First Children's Day." Parents wishing to present their infants for baptism may do so.

Springfield Baptist:

Second and C streets. H. A. Waviv, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning service, 11 o'clock, sermon, "A New Start for Mankind." Young people's meeting, 7 p. m. Evening service, 8 o'clock, sermon, "Opening the Fourth Seal." Dr. C. E. Hedrick and son, Henry, will conduct a meeting Tuesday evening at 7:45 o'clock.

Walterville Presbyterian:

Rev. R. E. Clark, pastor. James W. Anderson Memorial Sunday school will meet at 10 a. m. Christian Endeavor, 7:30 p. m. Evening service, 8 o'clock, sermon by pastor. Meeting of the memorial committee after the evening service.

Church of Christ:

Pleasant Hill. Melvin Trazler, pastor. Bible school, 10 a. m. Morning worship, 11 o'clock, sermon, "What is the Surrendered Life?" by Evangelist W. W. White. Christian Endeavor, 7 p. m. Evening worship, 8 o'clock, sermon, "On Trial." Evangelistic services will continue every evening except Mondays, for three weeks.

Veneta Baptist:

Cecil J. England, pastor. Bible school, 10 a. m. Morning worship, 11 o'clock, sermon, "Our Father." Evening service, 7:45 o'clock, sermon, "The Balanced Budget."

Church of Christ:

Creswell. Luke Bolin, pastor. Sunday school, 10 a. m. Morning worship, 11 o'clock, sermon, "Painting the Picture of Jesus on the Human Soul." Christian Endeavor, 7 p. m. Evening service, 8 o'clock. Evangelistic services open July 8.

Franklin Methodist:

Morning worship, 11 o'clock, with Reverend Wheeler preaching. Basket dinner at noon, commemorating the fifth annual homecoming of the church. Program in the afternoon.

Methodist Episcopal:

Springfield. Dr. J. D. McCormick, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.

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