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LAST OF SUMMER.

It is ever with a sigh Sweetest Summer says goodbye: 'Fore old Winter's howdydo Pines a fadin' flower on you; Says where withered blooms you see: "Keep a kind, sweet thought o' me!"

—F. L. Stanton.

GETTING RESULTS

WITHOUT any resort to bluster and without pointing a single gun at any one, the national administration has secured very desirable results from both Germany and England. The German affair is not entirely settled but the attitude taken by the kaiser plainly indicates he proposes to abide by the wishes of President Wilson.

At the same time Great Britain is modifying the famous order-in-council so as to make it more pleasing to America. Some features of the order-in-council were arbitrary and unjust. They were as injurious to Americans as to Germans.

The results constitute a great diplomatic victory for the administration. It is in the nature of a triumph of peace over war. The game has been to secure respect for our rights at a very trying time and yet do so without getting drawn into the mire ourselves.

President Wilson is accomplishing this great object in remarkable degree and it is wonderful work. It is governmental efficiency of the highest order. A fool in the white house would have plunged the country into war; a weakling might have sacrificed too much in the way of American rights.

THE COMMON MAN'S WELFARE

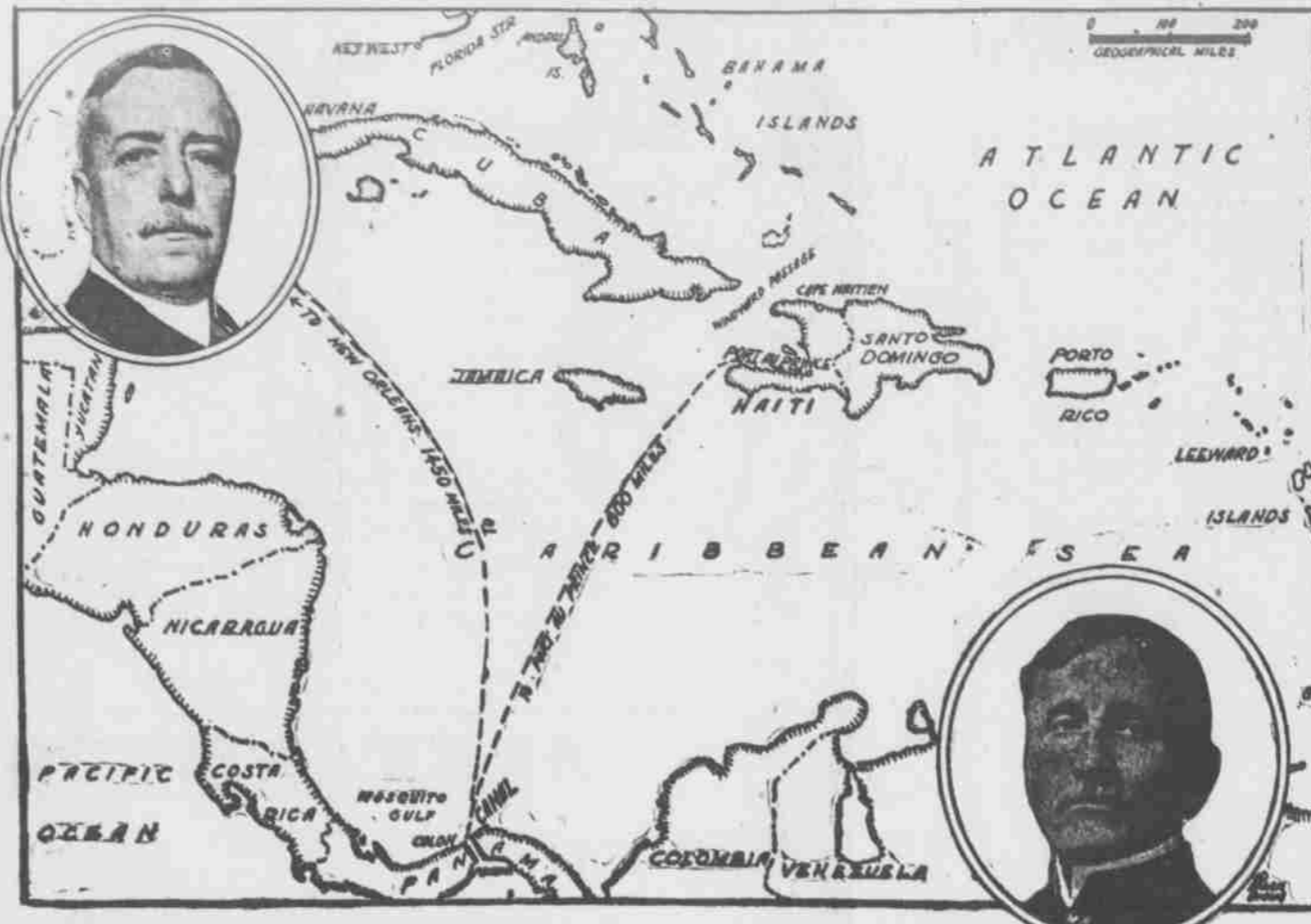
IN the summary of the report by the Industrial Relations Commission it is stated that facts show the condition of workers in the United States has not improved in proportion to the general increase in wealth.

Figures are given showing the country's wealth has increased 188 per cent in 22 years whereas during that time the sum total paid for wages to mining, transportation and manufacturing workers has increased but 55 per cent.

This data is not sufficiently complete to show the exact manner in which the average worker has fared, but it gives proof our prosperity has not been equitably divided with the men who toil and therefore form the basis of the country's wealth.

What will the next 20 years bring to light upon this subject. Is the country to remain permanently in a condition where a number will grow overrich while a mass of people remain overpoor? Or shall the economic plan be re-arranged so as to give more of a square deal, resulting in a more balanced prosperity

AMERICA'S NEW POLICY, CONTROL OF THE CARIBBEAN SEA



Secretary of State Lansing.

Map of the Caribbean Sea.

Admiral William B. Caperton.

Secretary of State Robert Lansing has just announced a new and great American policy, nothing less than the control of the Caribbean Sea, which is necessary to the protection and control of the Panama Canal.

Control of the Caribbean requires a port like Port au Prince at the east end. The Panama strip itself serves as a naval base on the west end of the sea, while New Orleans naturally becomes the large naval base necessary for the success of the policy.

Admiral William B. Caperton is now in control of Haiti. Although a new president has been elected the American is almost dictator. He or some other representative of the navy department will likely remain there until the treaty for an American protectorate has been acted on.

and a more contented people? Necessarily the answer rests largely upon the workers themselves—in other words upon the common man. The path to betterment is open before him if he will but insist upon it. The common people are vastly in the majority. They may rule the country as they will and such things as contentment and prosperity are dependent to large extent upon the economic program adopted by the country as the result of political action.

The national administration now in power has a constructive program that looks to improving the lot for the ordinary citizen. The water power bill, the shipping bill and other measures of similar tenor will do much if enacted and adhered to in the future. Intelligence commands that those who would bring about a more balanced life uphold the administration. It has been many years since the common people were represented so well at Washington.

BETTER THAN LAST YEAR

THROUGHOUT the entire nation the business situation is much improved over what it was one year ago. Twelve months ago the war shock had demoralized the commercial and financial circles to a considerable extent. But there has been a safe recovery and the evidence to this effect is positive.

In the Clews financial review for August 28, some of these facts are pointed out: "Some idea of the increase in business activity can be obtained from a comparison of bank clearings with a year ago. The total clearings at principal cities for the first three weeks of August was \$9,977,000,000 against \$6,947,000,000 a year ago, an increase of \$3,030,000,000.

Included in these totals are clearings at New York amounting to \$5,095,000,000, against \$2,715,000,000 last year, an increase of \$2,280,000,000. The great increase in New York's clearings is chiefly due to the exceptional outburst of activity on the Stock Exchange, which was closed a year ago. There has been a sharp revival of speculation, amounting to a boom in the war group, and the transactions since January 1 are more than double those of a year ago.

At the same time, there has been a steady expansion of legitimate business throughout the country, as demonstrated by an increase of 69 per cent in clearings during the second week of August in the middle states, of 24 per cent in the New Eng-

land states, 10 per cent in the middle west, 3 per cent in the Pacific states, 10 per cent in other western states and 4 per cent in the southern states. Reports from 135 cities in the middle of August showed an increase of nearly 44 per cent, than which no better evidence of trade improvement could be found, even after eliminating speculative transactions."

The conditions are satisfactory and all will be well if the farmers can but get good prices for their crops.

La Grande has been obliged to stop the irrigation of lawns in order to have a sufficient water supply for domestic purposes; bring on the cool weather and the rains.

Good thing Russia is a large country or the Germans would have it all soon.

It would be more in order to bear the price of ship charters.

Farewell, August.

CURRENT THINKING

ITALY'S PLUMED TROOPS.

(Atlanta Constitution.) War has ceased to be a flourish of trumpets, waving of banners and shaking of plumes; the spectacular, aside from the soaring Zeppelins and other aircraft, has been largely eliminated. Like moles men dig in the ground now, and are denied the privilege of going in glittering garb where glory waits. But Italy preserves many of the features of old-fashioned war.

This is the case with the Bersaglieri, Italy's plumed troops, said to be the finest infantry riflemen in the world. The Dundee Advertiser says of them: "The dress of the Bersaglieri is of the most picturesque type, consisting of a dark blue uniform with red facings, but it is the headdress which is the soldier's greatest glory. This comprises a low-crowned black slouch hat with a very wide brim and decorated with drooping plumes of green cocks' feathers. Although only paid at the rate of a penny a day, the members of this famous corps save up their coppers in order that they may be able to obtain for themselves plumes of better quality and richer hue than those provided by the government."

Their record from of old is one of splendid achievement, and great things are predicted for them in the present war, as "every man is a picked man, chosen for his stamina and strength." But dark ditch-fighting is not to their liking; with them it is the charge, with tossing plumes, under fluttering flags. And they are permitted to have their way when there is occasion for it.

Another picture of the Italian soldier is given in an article by Andre Mauriel, in Everyman, and it speaks well for his staying qualities under the hardships of war: "The Italian soldier is still the man who eats scarcely anything, drinks water only, lurches on little paste and a glass of water and dines on a few beans. Between meals not a scrap. If he must go hungry he will

fast without regret. This frugality and this sobriety extend to all the bodily requirements. The Italians are inured against fatigue, very hardy, capable of a physical resistance beyond all others. Those who employ them as laborers know it. The endurance of the Italian is extraordinary. And when he rests, he need only stretch himself in the sun to recuperate. He sleeps on the ground for weeks without a thought. If only he feels the sun on his skin he is happy."

Evidently, these are men who will reckon with the enemy. They have already given a good account of themselves in battles with the Austrian troops, and are yet to be heard from in their promised aid to the allies.

By the Bersaglieri—he must retain his plumes, and all the flashing features of the fight.

And it is well that he should, since there are more early trampled graves in this unholy war than there are lasting glories.

His plumes shake little glory over him. He goes to battle in the glow of great traditions—a plumed knight, who holds his life but lightly, or clings to it only that he may serve his country.

Let the soldiers get what glory they can out of this war of kings and in the meantime, may God save the People!

OUR STRENGTH.

Our strength is not in bayonets. Or cannon's swift appeal. Nor yet in costly armaments Or battlements of steel.

Nor submarines to haunt the deep. Or craft to cleave the air, Nor wasting wars that always reap A blight, the world must share.

Our strength is not in bloody fields, Where strong lives bite the dust, In brutal, fiendish fight that yields The lives we love and trust.

We want no conflict. It it comes The demon in us all Will see that every factor burns Responsive to the call.

Our strength is where all strength begins With valiant, loyal sons, With industry and thrift that wins A home for loving ones.

Our strength is brain and brawn with those Who strive with all their might To live as neighbors, yet oppose The wrong by doing right.

Our strength is in our daily toil And use of wind and tide, On factory and mine, and soil, Where life and strength abide.

Our rock-ribbed citadel of strength Is justice that is done, And Uncle Sam will go his length Till it is fairly won.

Hurrah for Uncle Sam to lead A peace that should prevail, We live in strength yet live our creed Not one would we assail.

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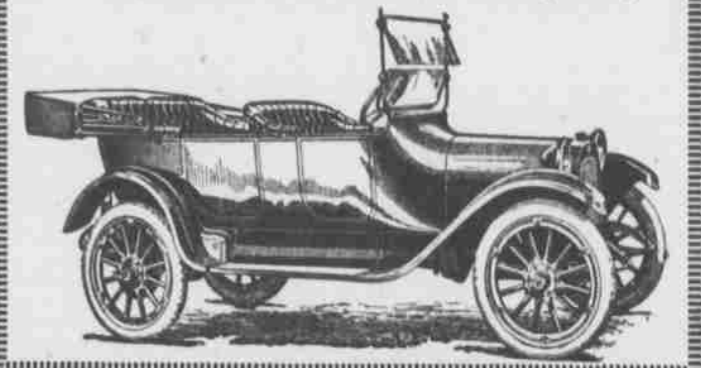
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