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EDITORIALS

HOW WELL ARE YOU PROTECTED?

You are greeted by a host of new problems as you enter the New Year—many problems you cannot even see. If you could only tear the veil aside and look into the future, what pitfalls you could avoid, what dangers you could escape!

You cannot, of course, foretell the future. The next best thing that you can do appears to be to take stock of your insurance protection, since it safeguards your financial security.

Every one knows that values change. Some properties, both business and residential, are worth more or less from year to year. In addition, conditions may change, new hazards may develop, old dangers may be corrected.

As a result, the insurance protection on such property may require altering, or the need may arise for some entirely new coverage. It is very evident that severe losses would be suffered in the event of fire or other casualty if the insurance were not adequate or if some hazards were omitted from the policies.

Accordingly, a wise resolution is to take stock of your fire insurance and see how well it safeguards the value of the property covered. If you need help in doing this, the logical one to consult is your own insurance agent.

The main point is that financial grief can be avoided by many persons in the coming year by a check-up of insurance protection now.

A LAW ON TRIAL

Considerable will be said and written in Washington in the weeks ahead about the National Labor Relations Act. It will be the subject of major debate in Congress. The question will be: Should the Act be amended, repealed or simply left as is?

Judging from public opinion, it certainly should not be left on the books in its present form. Everyone—with the exception of the C.I.O. and a few officials in Washington—seems to agree that in its present form it is not in the best interest of the public.

That public opinion favors doing something about the Act is undoubtedly due to the industrial strife the public has seen created by the hurriedly drafted law. Such strife (strikes, violence, etc.) is not to the public taste, nor is it for the public good. In fact it is a public nuisance.

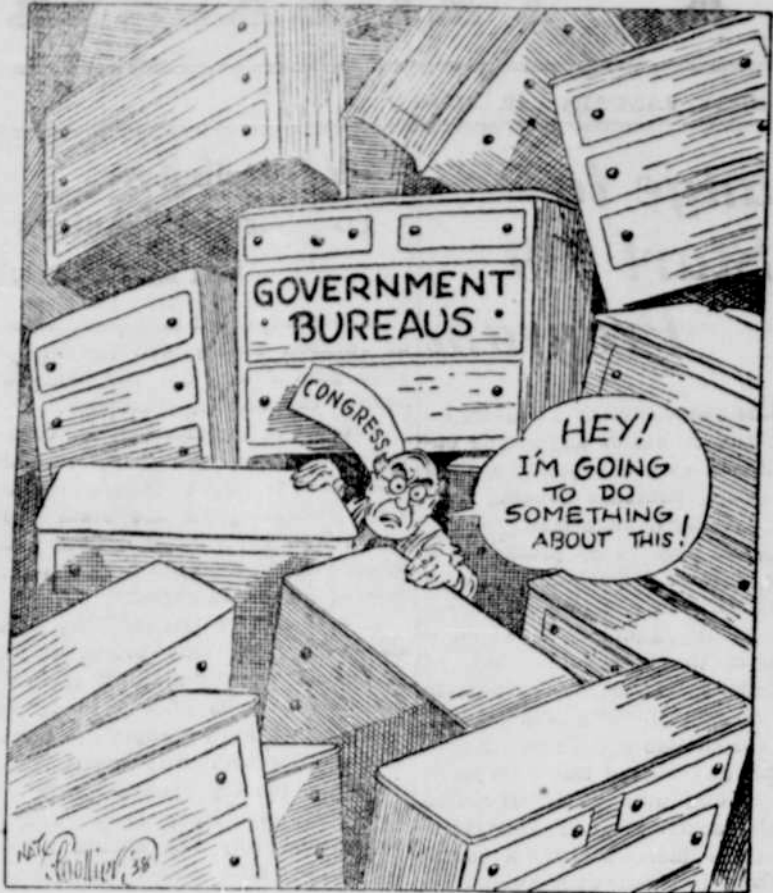
Why say the Act is responsible for industrial strife? Some may ask. The answer is that although it rightfully guarantees the privileges of employees, it fails to protect them or their employers from outside coercion—professional labor agitators, to be specific, and Communists who use labor as a vehicle for creating national bitterness. There are other inequalities in the Act, but that is one of the major ones in the eyes of the public, for at the bottom of almost every major industrial strike since enactment of the labor law, there have been professional labor agitators.

This Congress, therefore, can establish itself high in public esteem if it does something to make this law workable and deal equal justice to all sides. In equal justice there is peace.

News-O-Grams WHAT—WHERE—WHEN & WHY By Archie Parker

In the December 9th 1937 issue of the Central Point American, in my column "Public Relations" I published a request-letter from a woman who signed her-self "An Old Timer", asking me to help her locate a poem that she heard recited at a camp-fire when she was a little girl traveling across the United States by wagon-train. She could only remember four lines

TIRED OF IT



of the poem, but those four lines led to the locating of the poem. It was found in an old book entitled "The World We Live In" by Robert Turnbull, published in 1852—the book is now in my possession. I will copy the poem for the benefit of all who may be interested.

QUOTE

"A few years ago, a large company, composed of the talent and wealth of the country, met at Plymouth to celebrate the anniversary of the landing of the pilgrims. Farmers and mechanics, lawyers and clergymen, poets, orators, and statesmen were there. After much festivity and joy, "a magnificent oration," "as the newspapers had it, and many fine speeches, one of the number, a poet of New England, Dr. O. W. Holmes, a man of rare wit, humor, and pathos, read a poem entitled "The Pilgrim's vision in which he represents one of the old Puritans in "The hour of twilight shadows," "thinking of the 'Bloody Savages' lurking around his dwelling," and then calling one of his children to listen to a wonderful vision which he had in Leyden, before the sailing of the Mayflower, a part of which seemed to be "unfolding" before his eyes. The home of the old Puritan is admirably, and we presume, truthfully described. There must have been many just houses in the wilderness.

"His home was a freezing cabin. Too bare for a hungry rat; Its roof was thatched with ragged grass, And bald enough at that; The hole that served for casement Was glazed with an ancient hat. And the ice was gently thawing From the log whereone he sat.

Along the dreary landscape His eyes went to and fro, The trees all clad in icicles, The streams that did not flow. He smote his leathern jerkin And murmur'd "Even so."

Then follows "The Vision" describing, with great force and beauty, the chances and changes of the future of history of New England.

"I saw in the naked forest Our scatter'd remnant cast. A screen of shivering branches Between them and the blast; The snow was falling around them, The dying fell as fast, I look'd to see them perish, When low! the vision passed."

"Again mine eyes were opened, The feeble had waxed strong, The babes had grown to sturdy men, The remnant was a throng; By shadowed lake and winding stream, And all the shore along, The howling demons quake to hear The Christian's godly song.



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It was not a few years ago that YMCA was built, in fact the building was built somewhere back in 1910 or 1911, the matter of almost 30 years ago.

Then what is the difference, can you tell, between the youth of the horseless vehicle, pride and the youth of this modern age?

I feel sure that you will agree with me that in the old days the young people found plenty to do and besides there were not so many kids as there is nowadays. In this age there are so many kids that are now passing their time away fooling around in pool halls when they should be doing something of constructive value to themselves.

If the businessmen of 1910 or 1911 had waited 25 or 30 years later, they would not have lost any money in the construction of the YMCA building.

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"They slept,—the village fathers— By river, lake and shore. When far down the steep of time The vision rose once more; I saw along the winter snow, A spectral column pour, A high above their broken ranks A tatter'd flag they bore.

"Their leader rode before them, Of bearing calm and high. The light of heaven's own kindling Throned in his awful eye; These were a nation's champions, Her dread appeal to try; God for the right! I falter'd, And lo, the train passed by.

"Once more the strife was ended, The solemn issue tried; The Lord of Hosts, his mighty arm Had helped our Israel's side; Gray stone and grassy hillock Told where her martyrs died, And peace was in the borders Of victory's chosen bride."

"Thus gazing, he sees the revolution completed, and the enemies of the United States driven back, and exclaims,

"Oh trembling Faith! though dark the morn, A heavenly torch is thine; While feeble races melt away, And paler orbs decline, Still shall the fiery pillar's ray Aking the pathway shine, To light the chosen tribe that sought The western Palestine.

"I see the living tide roll on, It crowns with flaming towers The icy caps of Labrador, The Spaniard's land of flowers! It streams beyond the splinted ridge That parts the northern showers; From eastern rock to sunset wave, The Continent is ours!"

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Wednesday, January 18, 1939 Only 13 children are here. There are 10 out. Too bad. They have had colds.

Harriet has a hen sitting. She is sitting on 16 eggs. She will hatch in three weeks.

Shirley's little sister can say "by-by."



"That detective couldn't go straight if he wanted to, I suppose." "Why not?" "He's bent on following the 'rooks.'"

OR SOMETHING



"Being neighbors now, we can talk to one another out the windows and be friends." "Yes, and I hope we will never fall out."

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