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EDITORIALS

LET IT REMAIN A SYMBOL

In 1876, the United States observed its one-hundredth anniversary as an independent nation. Philadelphia celebrated by holding a centennial exposition. In the Machinery Hall at Philadelphia, there were on exhibit some weird and strange contraptions forecasting the world to come. Two of the exhibits marked the start of a dramatic story that is still going on in this modern world that depends on tremendous quantities of mechanical power.

One of these exhibits showed two crudely fashioned electric dynamos, designed by the Belgian inventor, Gramme, and the American, Wallace. Each supplied current to a single arc lamp and one drove a small pump. The public gazed at these gadgets with the curiosity of an audience watching a flea jump at the command of its trainer.

But what really took the public's eye was another exhibit—that was huge and awe-inspiring—the Corliss steam engine, a mechanical mountain of man's ingenuity. It stood thirty feet high and was capable of producing 1,000 horsepower. Interest in the Corliss engine was in proportion to its size; the public could not visualize that the latent possibilities in those freakish little dynamos sitting insignificantly off to one side would in a short while supplant the steam engine in most power fields. The efficiency of electric power has revolutionized the home and factory, although steam power is still indispensable to the uninterrupted production of electricity.

Electric power has made this world we live in more convenient and efficient, and reduced the labor demanded of man in producing the necessities and luxuries of life. All this has been brought about by the initiative and enterprise of free men, not by government edict.

Let us hope that the magic of electricity will remain a symbol of the public service that flows from the American system of free enterprise.

Economic Highlights

It has become obvious to almost everyone that labor is the Number 1 problem in the defense drive. On April 5th, defense director Knudsen said that 90 per cent of strikes must be eliminated or the defense program will fail. Under the best of conditions our arms program is not coming up to original hopes, and when strikes occur precious days and weeks are irretrievably lost.

The waste occasioned by strikes was computed in one of General Johnson's late columns. According to him, during January, February and the first three weeks of March, the strike toll was 1,129,000 man-days. And that, as he further observed, does not tell the whole story. Many of the strikes took place in key factories, the result being that other factories could not get needed materials, so hundreds of thousands of man-days were lost elsewhere.

Labor's excuse for strikes is that it is not now getting its fair share of profits—that the industries which have been given war contracts are rolling up unprecedented gross revenues, and that the worker should be paid substantially more, and be given other, non-monetary benefits in addition. This argument may be valid in some cases. But, so far as most industries are concerned, gross profits are a poor gauge of net profits. The tax burden alone is taking most of the increased earnings, and

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there can be no doubt that taxes will be still higher in the years to come. Furthermore, the very pace of the drive is adding heavily to industry's operating costs. You can carry on an operation in the most economical way when you have plenty of time—you must often take the most expensive way when the days are flying by and a deadline for delivery is at hand. The cost of most raw materials is on the rise. Long ago, top government officials said that no one is going to get rich out of this war. That will be pretty largely true. Through taxation, the government can control and limit income just about as it pleases.

A number of thoughtful friends of labor are, of the opinion that the strikes are, in a sense, suicidal—that they may alienate public good will to the extent that the immense gains made by labor during the past eight years may be lost. Every poll indicates that the public is "fed up" with what it regards as labor racketeering. They indicate an overwhelming majority of citizens favor some sort of forced mediation by government that will prevent strikes. As Raymond Clapper, a columnist who certainly has never been anti-labor, recently wrote, "Don't think that thousands of families, into whose homes conscription has reached, will not support the Roosevelt Administration if it is driven to take the hard-boiled way. Mr. Roosevelt will have public sentiment fully behind him."

This feeling is obviously shared in government circles. According to columnists Alsop and Klintner, "Such episodes as the Allis-Chalmers strike have filled the Congress, the best of all reflectors of public opinion, with violent resentment. The demand for strong measures to deal with the labor situation would have produced results long ago had not the House and Senate leaders struggled manfully to hold their followers back. The demand will soon grow too pressing to be ignored."

In short, unless labor "listens to reason," you can look forward to severe laws to control strikes. The late defiance of Secretary Knox and

Commissioner Knudsen by a CIO leader in the Allis-Chalmers strike, was almost universally condemned by the nation's press. And the threat of far more important strikes in our most vital industries has caused some meaningful fist-clenching in Washington.

As the President has said, profiteering industry will also get short shrift. Government, through the priority system, can literally choke any business into submission. If worst comes to worst, he can use the power to commandeer. Labor leaders are mistaken if they think they can get away indefinitely with holding up the defense program. This is more than an arms drive—to millions of Americans it is a crusade. And they mean to see it through.

Hitler, as usual, moved "reluctantly" into the Balkans, for the "protection" of the Balkan peoples against their "criminal leaders." Also as usual, he blamed the Balkan war on the British and "Jew war mongers." Military experts think the German steam roller will win some important initial successes, then will slow down as it hits the tough going. In the meantime, British sea control is now practically unquestioned, with a large part of the Italian fleet out of action. The decisive stage of the war may come soon.

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B. J. Palmer and Esther C. Palmer,
Plaintiffs.

Merchants National Bank, a corporation, C. T. Payne, Jr., and Estella M. Payne; Stacy Payne Barron; Taylor Payne and Lee Payne; Amanda Payne Alford and George Alford; Dexter Patterson and Blanche Patterson; Rose Potter and John Potter; Lillian Fanstall; Roy Payne and Jane Doe Payne; George Payne; Pearl Weed; Will Payne; Katie Tracy and Russell Tracy; Jess Helms and Lou Helms; Mary E. Payne; Richard Payne and Eleanor Payne; Eddie Payne and Betty Payne; Etha L. Silva and Elmer Silva; all being heirs at law of C. T. Payne, Sr., deceased, and Sarah Elizabeth Payne, deceased; also, the unknown heirs of said C. T. Payne, Sr., deceased, and said Sarah Elizabeth Payne, deceased; the unknown heirs of Sarah Payne Patterson, deceased, and of Sylvester Patterson, deceased; the unknown heirs of David Payne, deceased, and of Ellen Payne, deceased; the unknown heirs of Martha Payne Shook, deceased, and of Newton Shook, deceased; the unknown heirs of Minnie Payne Lamkin, deceased, and of John Doe Lamkin, deceased; the unknown heirs of James Payne, deceased; the unknown heirs of John Payne, deceased; the unknown heirs of Richard Payne, deceased; also, all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein. Defendants.

TO EACH, EVERY AND ALL OF THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You and each of you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled Court and cause, within four weeks from the date of the first publication of this

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summons, and if you fail to appear within such time and answer said complaint, for want thereof the plaintiffs will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in their complaint, to-wit: That a decree be entered adjudicating and declaring each and all of the claims that may be made by the said defendants, or any of them, in or to the following described real property situated in Jackson County, Oregon, to-wit:

The West Half of the Southeast Quarter and the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter in Section 12, Township 37 South, Range 1 West of the Willamette Meridian, and the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 37 South, Range 1 East of the Willamette Meridian.

or any part thereof, to be null and void, and decreeing that the plaintiffs are the owners in fee simple of said property free and clear of any right, title, lien, estate, claim or interest of said defendants, or any of them, in the said real estate, that each and all of the defendants herein by said decree be forever enjoined and debarred from asserting or claiming any right, title, lien, claim, estate, or interest, in, to, or upon the said real property or any part thereof, and that plaintiffs' title thereto be forever quieted and set at rest.

The date of the order for publication of this summons is April 3, 1941. The time prescribed in said order for the publication of this summons is once a week for four consecutive weeks. The date of the first

publication of this summons is April 3, 1941.

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