

We Are Approaching a Grave Crisis

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By JAMES J. HILL, President of the Great Northern Railway

THIS country is losing ground in a manufacturing way and will do very well even to hold her own markets. IT IS A WRONG IMPRESSION THAT WE ARE SWEEPING ALL COMPETITORS ASIDE. They are sweeping us aside, and why? Because of the high cost of production here. And the high cost of production is due to the growth of labor unionism and the continued strife going on among the unions as well as between the men and their employers.

WE CAN'T MEET THE PRICES OF GERMAN AND ENGLISH MANUFACTURERS AND PAY THE WAGES WHICH THE UNIONS COMPEL.

Germany is leading the world now and is making much swifter progress than this country or any other. England has dropped behind. Labor unions aided in killing her industrially. France is like a bee—always busy, always hustling. In France it is father and son, and so on. But Germany is the country that is forging ahead. Her laborers work very cheaply; they spend sixty-six hours in the factory each week where we spend but forty-four, and HER MECHANICS ARE SUPERIOR.

In addition she has facilities for transporting her products from and to every part of the globe at very cheap rates. Before we can get out and compete with her in the markets of the world we must lower the cost of producing manufactured articles and most elevate the quality of our products.

WE ARE COMING TO A GRAVE INDUSTRIAL REVERSE. IT IS HARD TO TELL JUST WHEN IT WILL COME, BUT IT IS APPROACHING. IT MAY COME NEXT PRESIDENTIAL YEAR, AND THE RESULT OF IT WILL DEPEND LARGELY UPON WHO IS NOMINATED FOR PRESIDENT.

The fact that money was hard last fall was a check on the wild speculation in manufacturing securities and, no doubt, postponed the reverse which is destined to overtake us.

There seems to be too much confidence in the ability of the country to walk right ahead of all other countries in manufacturing. The country can do it, but not without trouble and not without changing its present course. **IT IS INDEED A GRAVE CRISIS WE ARE APPROACHING,** although few seem to appreciate it.

A few years may see the closing of many factories and the throwing out of work of hundreds of thousands of men. We have been reaping the harvest, and the reverse is coming. How quickly we recover from it will depend largely on who is at the head of the country when the break comes.

AMERICA STANDS FOR THE ROYALTY OF MAN

.....By ANDREW CARNEGIE



AMERICA has been first in electricity, although we began late. But the man who wins is the man who says to fortune and the gods themselves, "I don't believe it." It takes the electrical atmosphere of America to produce these great men. Graham Bell was a Scotchman. So even in electricity there's the north half of a little island in the North sea which isn't to be left out in the doing of great things.

THE AMERICAN, IN MY EXPERIENCE—AND I HAVE KNOWN BOTH LANDS WELL—IS THE MOST CO-OPERATIVE MAN THAT EXISTS TODAY.

There is this about an American of all men—he's fair minded, he doesn't want to overreach himself, he's not implacable—I think he's placable—he doesn't want to make enemies.

The test of popularity isn't the wideness of a man. It's what his fellows think of him. That is wanting in a nation that doesn't know how to assimilate in its social activity. When the man at the bench becomes your best friend, the enterprise on which your energies have been bent has behind it a force that is irresistible.

There is something beyond this individual quality. Our republican institutions are to be credited with much of the ability and success with which we are going forward toward the material supremacy of the earth. There isn't one right enjoyed by any one that is denied to another. We are not asking who your forefathers were. We're asking what you do.

THIS NATION HAS THE TREMENDOUS ADVANTAGE THAT IT STANDS NOT FOR THE ROYALTY OF THIS FAMILY OR THAT, BUT FOR THE ROYALTY OF MAN. AMERICA IS AHEAD BECAUSE ANY MAN'S PRIVILEGE IS EVERY CITIZEN'S RIGHT.

DANGERS WHICH THREATEN AMERICAN LIBERTY

By ELIHU ROOT, Secretary of War



ETERNAL good citizenship is the price of good government. There yet remain and there will come in the future in unending succession problems, doubts, difficulties and struggles on which our safety will depend. **THERE ARE TODAY QUESTIONS THAT HOLD WITHIN THEM THE POSSIBILITY OF EVIL FOR OUR COUNTRY AND DEMANDING THE HARDEST FIBER AND THE MOST DEVOUT PATRIOTISM.**

One of them is the tendency—growing, I fear—to a division between the rich and the poor, a division by which **WEALTH TENDS TO UNDUE CONTROL OVER LEGISLATION,** and poverty tries to stir up a war of classes based on envy and jealousy of the rich. The very results of our prosperity tend to increase this evil, and every good citizen should lend himself to the task of seeing to it that never shall we have a war of classes.

Another danger fraught with most serious consequences is the tendency to check individual enterprise, opportunity and development. The chance that every poor boy has to rise as high as men can go is the very foundation of American liberty. Yet labor organizations of this country are including in their rules provisions prohibiting the better man from earning better wages than the man who is less capable, subordinating ambition and seeking to keep all down to the level of sloth and stupidity.

Don't think I oppose labor unions. I believe in them. The laborer is bound to organize. **HE IS ENTITLED TO ORGANIZE,** and I am glad to see him get his own. But let us set our faces against anybody saying to any American boy, "You shan't do the best you can."

THE HUMILITY OF ABILITY

By Justice ERNEST HALL, of the New York Supreme Court

HUMILITY is, to other people, one of the most charming characteristics a man can possess, but it is not one that will aid him in his battle with the world. The man of humility is seldom a leader—his very nature makes it impossible for him to take the initiative. Yet the greatest men in the world's history, the most learned and those who have done most for their fellow men were modest in demeanor, simple in habits and humble in spirit.

At first glance this statement may appear paradoxical, but it is not. **STUDENTS BECOME MORE AND MORE HUMBLE AS THEY ACQUIRE WISDOM,** for they become more and more alive to their own limitations and more and more sensible to the insignificance of their knowledge as compared with the wealth of wisdom there is in the world and the versatility of other men.

TO BE TRULY GREAT AND YET BE HUMBLE REQUIRES QUALITIES OF MIND WHICH FEW MEN POSSESS.

Those who have won fame have done so because they struggled toward a definite end, and it is but natural to take pride in the achievement when the battle has been fought and the victory won.

Abraham Lincoln was one of the greatest men that ever presided over the destinies of a great nation, but no other ruler wore his honors with greater humility.

Tolstoi has given his life to the service of the down-trodden of his race and country, but he could never have conceived the keen interest in his poor were not he the very personification of humility.

Some men remain humble because they realize how very little is their own greatness, and others because they are never able to overcome the retiring nature which was theirs by birth.

TO BE "PROUD AS LUCIFER" IS A COMMON FAILING; TO BE "MEEK AS MOSES" IS A RARE VIRTUE.

AMERICANS A JUDICIAL MINDED PEOPLE

By LESLIE M. SHAW, Secretary of the Treasury

IF I were asked to designate the peculiar characteristics of the American people, I would answer "judicial mindedness." By that I mean both an aptitude to make and a readiness to respect, observe and enforce law.

Neither the forms of law in the abstract nor the execution of laws in the concrete is a complete guarantee of exact justice, but justice according to law as it exists is **THE COMPLETE SAFEGUARD OF A REPUBLIC.** Occasionally we hear of the commission of a crime where it would seem that the penalty provided by statute is insufficient, and we read here and there in nearly every state in the Union of the people rising up and administering summary justice. All talk about summary justice is un-American.

JUSTICE, ACCORDING TO LAW, MUST BE THE WATCHWORD AS IT IS THE BULWARK OF OUR INSTITUTIONS.

RESPECT FOR LAW AND FOR THE FORMS OF LAW IS OUR ONLY PROTECTION FROM REVOLUTION AS THE RESULT OF EVERY PRESIDENTIAL, CUBERNATORIAL AND SENATORIAL ELECTION. PARTISANSHIP RISES TO FEVER HEAT, BUT THE JUDICIAL MINDEDNESS OF OUR PEOPLE USUALLY SAVES FROM DISASTER.

THE GENUINENESS OF LINCOLN'S FAME

By Ex-Governor FRANK S. BLACK of New York



LINCOLN'S name and his performances in the lines which he pursued have been cut into the rock of American history with the deepest chisel yet made use of on this continent. But it is not by the grandeur of his powers that he has most appealed to me, but rather by those softer, homelier traits that bring him down to a closer and more affectionate view. And Lincoln was never more imposing than when the milder attributes of his nature were exposed. **HE WAS GENUINE, HE WAS AFFECTIONATE, AND, AFTER ALL IS SAID AND THE END IS REACHED, WHAT IS THERE WITHOUT THESE TWO?**

You may measure the heights and sound the depths; you may gain the great rewards of power and renown; you may quiver under the electric current of applause—the time will come when these will fall from you like the rags that cover your body.

THE ROBES OF POWER AND THE HUSKS OF PRETENSE WILL ALIKE BE STRIPPED AWAY, AND YOU MUST STAND AT THE END AS YOU STOOD AT THE BEGINNING, REVEALED.

None had less to fear from such a test than Abraham Lincoln, and his strength in that regard arose, it seems to me, from the preservation through all his life of that fondness for his early home, of the tender recollections of his family and their struggles, which kept his sympathy always warm and young. **HE WAS NEVER SO GREAT BUT THAT THE TIES OF HIS YOUTH STILL BOUND HIM.** He was never so far away but that he could still hear the note of the evening bird in the groves of his nativity.

WAR WITH GERMANY WOULD BE IDIOTIC

By CARL SCHURZ, Ex-Secretary of the Interior



AWAR between the United States and Germany would be so awful, so incalculable, a calamity that only the most absolute and evident necessity could serve as an excuse for it.

NOT EVEN THE WILDEST JINGO ON EITHER SIDE WILL PRETEND THAT SUCH A NECESSITY EXISTS OR IS IN PROSPECT. IN FACT, THERE IS NO REAL QUESTION OF DIFFERENCE WHATSOEVER BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO DISTURB THEIR ANCIENT FRIENDSHIP.

A war between them would, therefore, not only be criminal, but idiotic—an absurd atrocity, a murderous nonsense. Even to suggest the possibility of such a war under such circumstances and to agitate the public mind by such suggestions is a piece of mischievous rock-lessness.

THE NECESSITY OF ORGANIZATION AMONG EMPLOYERS

By DAVID M. PARRY, President of the National Association of Manufacturers



WHEN capital is thoroughly organized, then will come the almost complete disappearance of the strike and the boycott, for they are but systematic manifestations of social disease growing out of imperfect organization.

WHEN ORGANIZED EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES CAN SIT DOWN TOGETHER, THEN MAY BE TAKEN UP TRADE DISPUTES AND OTHER MATTERS AFFECTING THEIR MUTUAL INTERESTS, AND THESE MAY BE DISPOSED OF IN AN INTELLIGENT, ORDERLY AND SCIENTIFIC MANNER.

As there is no national federation of employers at present necessity demands the immediate creation of one. There can be no industrial peace in the United States until a national organization is perfected, for, while labor is partially organized, capital is not organized at all.

THE PRESERVATION OF THE HOME

By JACOB A. RIIS, Author of "How the Other Half Lives"



UPON the preservation of the home depends the existence of the country, for the home makes the man. The thought often expressed that men are unable to govern themselves is the direct result of the inhuman condition of the tenement houses.

A MAN CANNOT LIVE LIKE A PIG AND VOTE LIKE A MAN. BUT THERE MAY BE PIGS IN PARLORS, TOO, AS WELL AS IN HOVELS. STILL THE HOME IS THE MAINSTAY. WIPE OUT THE HOME, AND THE WHOLE STRUCTURE OF GOVERNMENT FALLS. IT IS A CHILD'S RIGHT TO HAVE A HOME.

What need makes mothers leave their homes for factories, locking up their children? This should not be. This is no home. It is only a place to eat and sleep. Why should the children work? Child labor tends downward. **INDUSTRIAL SUPREMACY BOUGHT BY CHILD LABOR IS A LOST CAUSE.**

The Prickly Pear of Africa. Mischievous though the prickly pear is, it is not without its good qualities. Its juicy fruit, though rather deficient in flavor, is delightfully cool and refreshing in the dry heat of the summer, and a kind of treacle is made of it. Great caution is needed in peeling the prickly pear, the proper way being to impale the fruit on a fork or stick while you cut it open and remove the skin, and woe betide the fingers of the unwary "new chum" who plucks the treacherous fruit.

In dry weather at the cape these spiteful little stings do not even wait for the newly arrived victim, but fly about, light as thistle-down, ready to settle on any one who has not learned by experience to give the prickly pear bushes a wide berth.—"Home Life on an Ostrich Farm."

The strike hearing having been brought to a close, the season for public listening for the verdict is open.