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THE SOLDIER'S RETRACTION

Business men heading concerns which have re-employed many returned soldiers agree that while these boys take up their work at first with great enthusiasm, one by one they lose this enthusiasm, become slow, inefficient, and seem uninterested. One man said, in speaking of this matter: "When I step out into the office I can spot those fellows at a glance. The other heads are bent over the desks; these boys are idle, looking off into space. They have no pep."

This man questioned many of the boys, trying to get at the trouble. Not one of them could explain it. In many cases they are not even conscious of their laxity nor are they as a rule diagnosed with the job itself.

"I finally decided," said the speaker, "that every one of these chaps is suffering from a let-down, a severe reaction from the strain through which he has passed. I've got just faith enough in them so that I have not fired one of them. When they recover from this let-down I believe that every one of them will be twice the man he was for his war experiences, just as we believed he would, and just as he seemed when he first came back."

That employer is doing the right thing, and the boys deserve that he and all other employers should do it. They have passed through two tremendous periods of re-adjustment—from civil to military life, and back again—all in a short time. And they

are young; they have no aged philosophy of life to tide them over such changes. What wonder that their spirits, overstimulated by their military life and hero home-coming, sag when that stimulus is removed?

It will take patience for a man-hungry business world to wait for these young men to rouse from their lethargy of exhaustion, but they will justify that patience in the end, and they have paid for it long in advance.

THE LOST CAUSE

Whether the proposed strike of the steel workers occurs or not, as scheduled, a warning given by the Nebraska State Journal is true and timely. Speaking of the immediate provocation of the strike, the refusal of the Steel Corporation to deal with its organized employees, the State Journal says:

"The pity of it is that however this particular strike may result, there can be but one ultimate result. The steel operators are nearly all that is left of a lost cause. They are fighting a fight which their ancestors neighbors lost fifteen years ago. If they win they will win as the railroads won twenty-five years ago, only to have their victory turned to defeat by the quiet advance of the inevitable thing. The struggle for collective bargaining by labor has been won in America. The steel industry is the only industry of first magnitude which still stands out. It is to be a worse than useless strike, for the most the companies can do is to gain a little time. Unless the clock turns back, Judge Gary's successor, if not Judge Gary, will deal collectively with his laborers."

This is simple common sense—a frank recognition of a fact which ought to be obvious to every intelligent American.

Labor must be admitted to have arrived at the age of discretion and self-determination. Nowhere in the world certainly not in the United States, can industry be carried on much longer on the old-fashioned principle that capital is supreme, and that labor must accept whatever capital chooses to give it. Labor will no longer tolerate dictation, even when mixed with philanthropy. Labor wants equal recognition with capital—the men who work with their hands want to deal on self-respecting terms with the men who own and manage the industries.

Industrial autocracy, like political autocracy, is a lost cause.

POLICEMEN AND LABOR UNIONS

The striking Boston policemen lost their jobs, and deserved to lose them. The best element of union labor throughout the country seems inclined to accept the verdict of the general public that a policeman's services are not "labor" in the usual, industrial sense of the word—that he is a public servant, with a sworn public duty to perform, and that fidelity to that duty is the first consideration.

Industrial workers, by general consent, have a right to stop work as a last resort, under existing economic conditions. Men employed by a community to enforce the laws and safeguard life and property have no right to stop work, except by the accepted procedure of individual resignations. To quit in a mass is to throw their city open to its enemies—the thugs, hoodlums and thieves who lurk in every community, awaiting only a relaxing of the law's pressure to loose their evil passions and ply their criminal trades.

A policeman's strike is municipal treason. Those Boston policemen had real grievances, but they sought to remedy them in the wrong way.

The offenders have got off easily enough with deprivation of their jobs.

The new force recruited in their place will probably be more loyal. And the lesson taught by the stern handling of the Boston situation will be useful in every city in the United States.

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From Grants Pass—
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