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SOLDIERS' INSURANCE

The army insurance plan, of which so much was expected, has turned out a failure. This is said to be partly due to defects in the plan and still more to the indifference of the men concerned.

Practically all of the soldiers took out insurance policies while in the service. It was hoped that they would keep them when they were mustered out. The government's plan provided for the exchange of the war policies for any of the ordinary peace-time policies, according to each man's preference, and on terms more favorable than those of private insurance companies. But the veterans have not been much interested. More than 3,000,000 of them have already given up their insurance, either because they found it hard to pay the premiums or because they did not care enough about insurance as an investment.

An attempt is being made, in Senator Harding's bill, to correct the defects discovered in the present scheme. This measure is expected to pass soon. There should be a renewed effort then to persuade the veterans to take advantage of this insurance protection on the easy terms offered. It will be good for them and good for the country if this system, intended to eliminate the evils attending the old soldier's pension system, can be made to succeed.

INDUSTRIAL DOCTORS

The country is suffering from an ailment similar to the President's. It is in a state of nervous exhaustion as a result of over-work due to the war. It is necessary to rally all its powers for the work that remains to be done—the reconstruction needed to bring American life and business back to normal.

The industrial conference now meeting in Washington might be compared to the group of doctors consulting by the President's bedside. The delegates are called upon to prescribe for a nation that is industrially sick.

It is too big a task for any individual doctor or any particular school of doctors. It is a case of counsel of all varieties, from all sides. If the physicians of the Labor school, the Capital school, the Socialist school and all the other schools of economic thought represented at that conference can agree on a remedy, the public may believe that a cure is possible.

While the experts are deliberating, it behooves the public, like a good patient, to put itself in as passive, receptive and hopeful mood as the situation permits. Only thus can there be any reasonable expectation of benefit to come.

"It is strange, how unpopular we are, and how our whole diplomatic service has broken down," reads an extract from Admiral von Tirpitz's war diary. Yes, it's a queer world, Tirpy! And human nature is sometimes so inhuman and unnatural.

Those who are criticising Congress for permitting the home manufacture of hard cider have not suggested any way by which Congress could prevent an owner of sweet cider from letting it follow its natural inclination, and ferment.

ENEMIES OF UNIONISM

The New York longshoremen struck and tied up most of the nation's foreign trade in disobedience to their own officers, and in defiance of the promise made by every local that they would abide by the decision of the National Adjustment Commission. For this they have been criticised scathingly by their own president and by the press and public.

New York printers employed on books, magazines and job work, barred from a legitimate strike by their own contract, have pretended to obey the letter of their agreement by striking and calling it a "vacation." For this breach of faith they have been criticized just as severely and deservedly.

The sentiment of the best element of union labor, as well as of the disinterested public, is well expressed by President O'Connor of the longshoremen's union, who says, in a public rebuke for the men who walked out: "I believe that the very existence of any union depends on carrying out agreements entered into with employers. To throw away such a principle can mean only one thing—disintegration of unions, leaving the men at the mercy of unjust employers."

Chairman Gary, in his testimony before the Senate, declared that unions were "irresponsible," and could not be depended upon to fulfill agreements, and gave that as his chief reason for not consenting to deal with them.

Manifestly if there is to be collective bargaining, it must be based on mutual trust of employers and employees, and mutual fulfillment of pledges. Such breaches of faith as those mentioned above are painful and disheartening to every friend of organized labor, and deadly blows to the cause which the offenders profess to serve.

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