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WHO PAYS FOR STRIKES?

The great majority of American workers attend to their own affairs, strive for the fullest possible pay envelope and are happy to live in a country in which they have helped to develop the highest living standard in the world. But occasionally groups of American workmen are persuaded to go on strike.

What happens then? Who pays for strikes? First of all, the investors pay. They may lose dividends; their plant may lose contracts to a competitor; their investment is jeopardized. But usually, the investor has other sources of income and manages to get along reasonably well.

Secondly, the community where a strike occurs pays. The earning power of those who make up the community is reduced and therefore consuming power is cut down. The grocer, the butcher, the baker, the doctor, the motion picture manager, gas stations and every form of local business suffers in a strike.

Thirdly, relatives of the strikers pay. Often they have to pull in their belts another notch to help the fellows who are running short. And then the wives and children of the strikers pay—not only in reduced food and clothing and opportunity but they pay the heavy mental costs of worry and fear. They fear prolonged poverty. They worry over debts. They fear the physical consequences of violence so often resorted to by strikers.

And finally, the strikers themselves pay the heaviest bill of all. They lose time. Pay envelopes vanish. Hatreds are engendered and often the job itself is lost. Time lost in a strike may not be made up in a year's work.

It is a fair question to ask: "Is a strike worth the price?" Or isn't peaceful discussion of employee and employer the better way?

THE FORGOTTEN MAN

Almost every time we read a newspaper we see another report about something a state or the federal government is doing for somebody. We have laws for the farmer, the worker, the needy, the exporter, the importer, the shipper—laws for almost everybody you can think of.

In the last seven years, governments have pitched in and done all sorts of things for special groups of citizens. But who made it possible for the governments to do those things? Where did the governments get the resources, the credit, and the power to do those things?

The forgotten man. He is the man who went on about his own business; who managed to scrimp and scrape by on his income and stay off relief; who voted for the laws designed to help not him but his neighbors.

He too, is the man whose steadiness kept the credit of governments good, for everybody knew that in the end he would supply the money that would pay off debts. And he is the man who keeps on contributing taxes and taxes, until he is dizzy.

If all those forgotten men had gone busted, had stopped work, had stopped producing wealth, what would have resulted? Chaos. Isn't it about time that those who were given to the people, now apparently forgotten, who stood out in the seven years' storm like sentinels?

We may erect statues to them when they are gone; we may put their names in history books; we may name rivers and trees and flowers after them. But they're human like all of us, and it's about time we gave them a pat on the back.

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Mr. Harbke says that it isn't the amount of the sale that pleases him but the amount of genuine pleasure he receives in selling shoes he knows fulfill his every requirement.

So, in this edition we wish to compliment Mr. Harbke upon the excellent service he renders his every customer and to say you can't make a mistake in buying shoes from a man who will not allow monetary remuneration to interfere with his duty which is correct and comfortable fitting of quality shoes.

BABSON SAYS

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facts. These papers they would lay before Secretary Wilson. But would he look at them? No. The Secretary knew that men are reached only through their hearts and not through their heads.

Personal Conclusions

Secretary Wilson would say to me: "Babson, every side has some good points; let's try to bring them out. Both sides can agree on a few facts; let's talk about those few upon which they are agreed. Wage workers are not fighting for more wages or shorter hours so much as recognition. Although they insist on recognition of their labor unions, they are primarily interested in the recognition of themselves as individuals." In this connection let us add that I never knew the founder of a business to have any serious labor trouble. The difficulty comes when the business descends to the children or grandchildren, or is managed by absentee stockholders. This is further evidence that feelings are a far more important factor than figures.

There are four important problems involved in the labor struggles today. The solution of these problems depends upon a greater recognition of these four facts:

(1) Labor difficulties are largely emotional and must be solved without hurting the feelings or pride of either side. Unless both groups are satisfied with the settlement, it is usually of little avail.

(2) Both wage workers and employers are ultimately dependent on increasing production. Only as more is produced, is there more to divide. Unless production is increased, increased wages result only in increased prices.

(3) Compulsory arbitration is not the solution of the problem, but results in merely favoring the side which is temporarily in political power. The solution of labor difficulties come only gradually through conciliation and mediation. Laws are of little avail.

(4) Wage workers are entitled to collective bargaining and some form of insurance and security to the extent that it can be given. In the last analysis, however, the only security, either for employers or wage workers, comes from industry, justice, and courage. Civilization has developed through struggle. When struggle ceases, civilization decays.

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Belmont Sheet Metal Works Long in Portland

E. A. Bander, proprietor of the Belmont Sheet Metal Works, and a resident of R5, S.W. Garden Home Road, has been established in Portland for the past 22 years, having risen from a small start to their present large quarters at 1038 S. E. Belmont, where they specialize in sheet metal works of all kinds, and plumbing.

Mr. Bander is well known in the Tualatin Valley, having lived here many years. His hobby is chickens and goats, which he keeps on his 4 acre home.

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W. B. Wells Prominent Citizen and Business Man of Portland



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Giving unstintingly of his time and efforts his one thought is the further development of the commercial prestige of this city.

His efforts should be appreciated by everyone and to do this we must boost for his company at all times. And to him, the editor and staff of this paper pay their respects and wish him a continuation of the progress and prosperity he and the company he so ably represents, deserve.

Here Midnight Comes to the Tune of 360 Gongs

Beaver, Pa.—No one needs to ask the time in the fifteen-room house of the Behnman sisters, of Patterson Heights. Thirty clocks, some of them 200 years old, line the mantels and the walls.

The sisters—Wilhelmina and Marie Behnman and Mrs. Clara B. Taylor—were willed the clocks by their father, Wilhelm, who collected the timepieces over a period of years after he arrived in the United States in 1870.

The oldest clock is one of Italian make, which was given to the family 50 years ago when it was 150 years old. The newest is an ornate "parlor clock," 25 years old. The sisters regularly wind all the clocks.

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Al Rosser Devotes Time Unselfishly

When a person sets to one side his personal career to further the cause of his fellow man, he should be mentioned in public print. Al Rosser, secretary of the Teamsters Union, in Portland, is a man whose goal in life is to see that everyone receives a chance to better himself. Al Rosser has always given of his time and effort to make Portland a better city in which to work and it is these attributes that cause him to be revered by the many who have come to know him for what he is. Unselfishly looking out for the other fellow he has turned aside many chances for personal gain.

So, in this edition we wish to compliment the Teamsters Union on the fortune they have, in having a man of Mr. Rosser's calibre to direct their affairs and to say that Mr. Rosser will always have the best wishes of those persons he ably represents.

R. S. Miller Honored

This country has always been fortunate in having as its leaders, men whose foresight has made it a country respected by the peoples of every nation. We in Oregon are conscious of the fact that within our midst, we have a good share of these leaders. R. S. Miller vice-president and general manager of the Portland Chain Manufacturing Company, is one of these men whose efforts are directed toward making the city of Portland and the state of Oregon a better place to live in.

R. S. Miller's every efforts are appreciated and the way to show this appreciation is to boost on all occasions the product of the Portland Chain Manufacturing Company. Since the inception of this company, quality chains have been its aim and due to the business acumen of R. S. Miller this ideal has never been violated. In this edition the editor and staff wish to compliment R. S. Miller and the company he so ably heads and to wish them continued progress and prosperity for many years.

Perjurers in Trial Are Harassed by Tragedies

Purnea, Bihar.—Swift retribution which overcame four witnesses who were found to have committed perjury in a murder trial here led the people of the district to celebrate the occasion with prolonged feasting.

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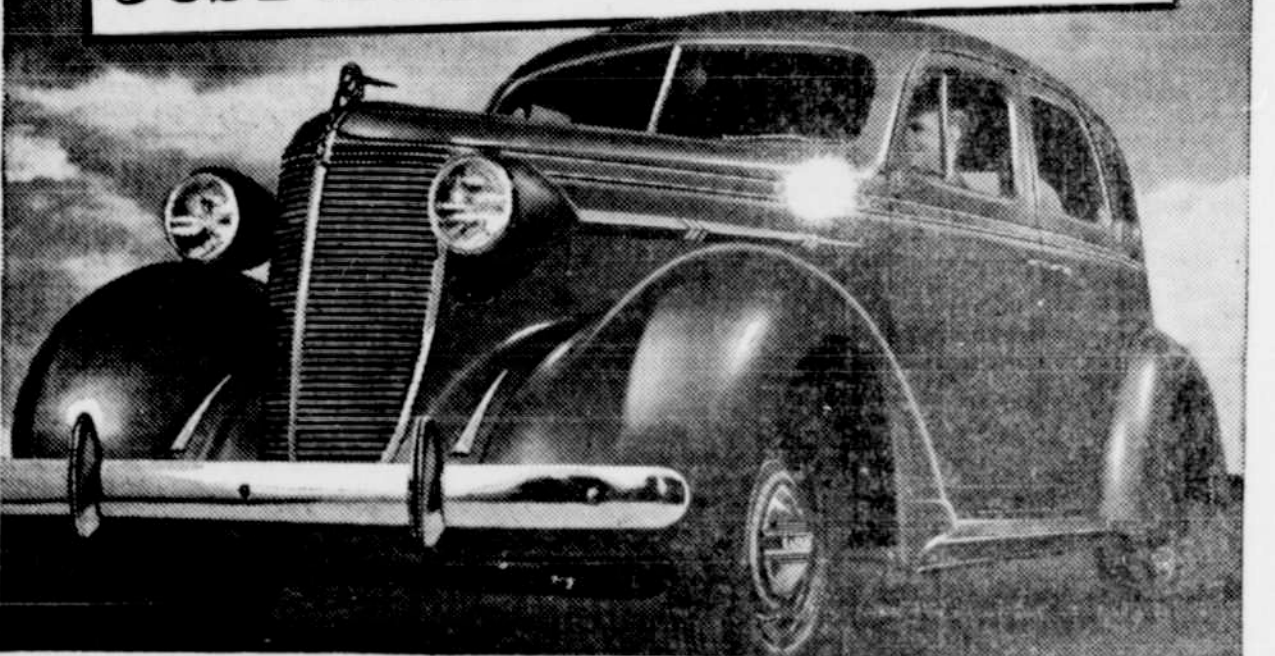
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