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SOURCE OF INDUSTRIAL ILLS

THE commission on industrial relations has done excellent work in its probing of the strike situation in various states and by its examination into the huge philanthropic foundations by which those who, having filched vastly more than they can use, have made a conscience fund restitution of a small portion to society.

The hearings are interesting chiefly because they reflect the attitude of captains of industry toward their employes. The typical attitude of the directors of the great corporations is that they do not in any way concern themselves or feel any responsibility regarding their workmen, but leave them to the tender mercies of whomsoever is employed as manager, and industrial war or peace depends nearly altogether upon the breadth of vision of the manager, who is usually valued according to the dividends he returns.

Some of these financiers are beginning to awaken to the fact that conditions which create the billionaire also create the pauper, and that society is realizing that such conditions cannot long continue, and that any civilization which fosters such inequality must necessarily crumble as all such civilizations have crumbled in the past. The testimony of Daniel Guggenheim proves this. The philanthropic foundations are in themselves proof of this, as they seek to assist the sufferers and perpetuate the cause.

But one of the great creators of industry touched upon the canker that is gnawing at the heart of society, but one showed a grasp of the underlying cause, and that was Henry Ford, who has given society not only an automobile for the masses, but shocked the ruling caste by setting an example in the fair treatment of labor.

Mr. Ford stated as the cause of industrial unrest, monopoly of natural resources, which should be the common heritage of all. He said: "The government should own the mines and other natural resources, which are the foundation of industry and labor." He includes water power among the resources and believes in government ownership of transportation lines. He indorses absolute free trade and states that his employes, the highest paid in America, would be better off under it. He declares that poverty is the source of crime and that any convict can be reformed if given work at good wages. He has moreover shown how to bring about improved conditions for workmen in a practical manner and rendered the artificial work of philanthropic foundations unnecessary.

Land is also a natural resource—as much as the mines or water power. Millions of acres of land are withheld from use, while millions of people are on the verge of starvation. The value of land is created largely by society, which in turn reaps none of the benefits it creates, which go to land owners. The growth of the community transforms the land owner into a millionaire, though he himself has contributed nothing to the increased value of his property. Instead of taking this unearned increment as taxation to support government, we tax the industry and enterprise of the people who create the increased value of the land and present the increase to monopoly.

Nearly all of our social and industrial ills, our great fortunes and our poverty, can be traced to private monopoly of natural resources, the source of all wealth—a subject all of the philanthropic foundations will consistently ignore, as they themselves owe their existence to it and were created to tinker with the results and divert attention from the source.

How Fish Were Exterminated in Clackamas; Situation Menaces Rogue

The following argument regarding the extermination of fish in Clackamas river, a situation threatening Rogue river, was made before the committees on fishing and fisheries at Salem by Walter F. Backus of Portland. Twenty years ago the Clackamas river had a heavy run of spring chinook salmon. These fish were a distinct variety, and fishermen on the lower rivers could readily distinguish them from the regular Columbia river run. They came early in the season, and ascended the Clackamas river to its very source. They were a hardy lot of fish, very heavy for their length, and of the finest quality.

For many years the net fishermen pursued these fish in the Clackamas without mercy and with no thought of a closed season. They commenced fishing when the fish first made their appearance in the river and kept it up until the run was over for the season. Nature has provided a certain balance for all things, and it is evident that salmon in fresh water were meant to reproduce themselves. If 10,000 adult fish spawn in a certain stream, it means that approximately the same number will return to the same stream four years later.

Although each female fish deposits between two and three thousand eggs the loss is almost unbelievable. Vast quantities of eggs are eaten by the numbers of trout which are always hanging around the spawning beds. A great percentage of the eggs are not thoroughly fertilized, and after hatching, the helpless young fish furnish food for many large trout.

thoroughly they had been cleaned out, I will mention an instance: In June I visited the government hatchery, which is now located on the Columbia at River Mills station. The man in charge had been waiting since early April for the chinook salmon to reach his racks but, at the time of my visit, he had about 70 fish in sight. These 70 fish were all that reached the station the entire season, and they represented the sole remainder of the once famous run of Clackamas salmon.

We must put the blame where it belongs. It might be said that many of these fish were taken in the Columbia, but this is not true. The Clackamas fish were the earliest of the run, and usually reached their native stream before the net fishing was thoroughly begun on the Columbia. There is only one answer to the problem—the Clackamas salmon has been exterminated by net fishing, and the salmon of the Rogue river will go likewise if the upper river is not protected. The salmon can stand the toll taken of their numbers in tide water, but to fish the spawning streams means extinction.

Practically all our mountain streams are now closed to net fishing. Hood river, Sandy river and the Clackamas river are closed entirely. All the Tillamook county streams have net limits established at tide water. Only the Rogue river and the Umpqua river are open to net fishing on the riffles.

The Umpqua stands the drain fairly well, as its rough character will not permit drift fishing. It can only be fished with set nets, and even these are causing a great decrease in the Umpqua chinook. But the Rogue river at Grants Pass is almost a counterpart of the Clackamas. It has the same long stretch of open riffles where gill nets can be run for miles without taking them out of the water, and its salmon will vanish the same way as those of the Clackamas unless net fishing is prohibited above tide water.

MANUA ISLANDS SWEEP BY STORM

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Commander Woodruff, governor of the American Islands of Samoa, reported today that the Manua Islands had been swept by a heavy storm and asked for \$10,000 for relief. He gave no details of loss of life or destruction of property. Secretary Daniels cabled at once for details on which to base an emergency request to congress.

CALUMET DECLARES QUARTERLY DIVIDEND

BOSTON, Feb. 11.—The directors of the Calumet & Hecla Mining company today declared a quarterly dividend of \$5 a share, payable in March. The last payment, \$5 a share, was made June 20, 1914. The directors passed the dividends in September and December.

MISS TOWNE WINS FIGHT FOR GIRLS' INDUSTRIAL HOME

SALEM, Or., Feb. 11.—A hot fight was precipitated in the house Tuesday afternoon over an effort which was successful, ordering the immediate preparation of a bill providing for an appropriation of \$49,200 for the Girls' Industrial school. During the heat of the debate Dr. Andrew C. Smith accused Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin of religious bigotry and injecting sectarianism into her work in lobbying for the appropriation. Miss Towne finally made an appeal for the young girls, and restored calm, and action in favor of the appropriation followed.



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PUBLIC ENEMIES

(Walt Mason in the "Journal of Electricity, Power and Gas") If you build a line of railway over hills and barren lands, Giving lucrative employment to about a million hands; If you cause a score of cities by your right of way to rise, Where there formerly was nothing but some rattlesnakes and flies; If when bringing kale to others you acquire a little kale, Then you've surely robbed the peepul and you ought to be in jail.

PERMIT CREW TO ADD EMDEN TO PROPER NAMES

BERLIN, Feb. 11.—A meeting of the representatives of the various communes near Berlin today adopted a rather striking suggestion. This was that the ministry of the interior allow all the members of the crews of the German cruiser Emden to add the word Emden to their names and thus perpetuate through a hyphenated cognomen the memory of this cruiser's deeds.

MISS TOWNE INTRODUCES INDEMNITY INSURANCE BILL

SALEM, Or., Feb. 11.—Miss Towne last evening managed to introduce another bill, one providing for an act to make indemnity insurance companies parties to suits in which persons seek to recover damages from those protected by indemnity insurance. Two other bills were also introduced.

Mother's Friend Before Baby Arrives

During several weeks of expectancy there is a splendid external embrocation in our "Mother's Friend" in which thousands of women have the most unbounded confidence. They have used it and know. They tell of its wonderful influence to ease the abdominal muscles and how they avoided those dreaded stretching pains that are so much talked about. This safe external application is gently used over the skin to render it amenable to the natural stretching which it undergoes. The myriad of nerve threads just beneath the skin is thus relieved of unnecessary pain-producing causes and great physical relief is the result as expressed by a host of happy mothers who write from experience.

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY PARENT-TEACHERS MEET

Friday afternoon at the usual hour the Parent-Teachers circle of the Washington school will meet. A program will be given as follows: Song, Boston Town, Primary Pupils Vocal Duet, Sweet and Low. Nana Seely and Helen Brown. This will be followed by a business period after which the following paper will be read and discussed. The library, Miss Robinson. Home Reading, Mrs. Neff. The Library and School, Mrs. Guernsey.

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Saturday Only Afternoon and Evening Special Engagement MISS JANE GRAY in The Little Gray Lady In Four Parts A Famous Dramatic Broadway Success Performances at 2:15, 3:30, 7:00, 8:25, 9:30 P. M. Admission Five and Ten Cents

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By making this pint of old-time cough syrup at home you not only save about \$2, as compared with the ready-made kind, but you will also have a much more prompt and positive remedy in every way. It overcomes the usual coughs, throat and chest colds in 24 hours—relieves even whooping cough quickly—and is excellent, too, for bronchitis, bronchial asthma, hoarseness and spasmodic croup. Get from any drug store 2 1/2 ounces of Pinex (50 cents worth), pour it into a pint bottle and fill the bottle with plain granulated sugar syrup. Full directions with Pinex. Keeps perfectly and tastes good.

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There are many worthless imitations of this famous mixture. To avoid disappointment, ask your druggist for "25¢ ounces of Pinex," and do not accept anything else. A guarantee of absolute satisfaction, or money promptly refunded, goes with this preparation. The Pinex Co., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

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Where you can always find your friends PROGRAM Wednesday - Thursday Two-Part Feature: The Plot One-Part Comedy: Forcing Dad's Consent Kalem Two-Part Drama: The Family Black Sheep TWO GEORGE ADE'S COMEDIES The Star Theatre Vaudeville Co. Presenting WEDNESDAY THURSDAY NIGHTS MISS FLORENCE CLARK MISS HAMILTON, MISS ??? MR. MITTENBERGER and MR. ??? Matinee 2:15 P. M. Evening 7:00

SHIPPING TRUST BLOCKS LEGISLATION SAYS CHAMBERLAIN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—In a telegram to Senator Chamberlain, O. M. Clark, president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, says: "Our organization wishes to register its opposition to the present ship purchasing bill, but advocates the change in the shipping laws which will enable citizens of the United States to profitably enter into the purchase, construction and operation of ships. We also ask for an emergency bill from year to year, allowing foreign bottoms to carry freight between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, it being impossible at present to get tonnage, which is working a great hardship at the present time. Also reiterating our former recommendations of the appointment of a commission of competent men to examine into and thoroughly revise the shipping laws."

LEDOCHOWSKY CHIEF OF JESUITS

ROME, Feb. 11.—Father Ledochowsky was today elected general of the Society of Jesus in succession to Father Francis Xavier Wernz. The generals of the Society of Jesus, the formal name of organization of the Jesuits, are elected for life by the general congregation of this order, which is one of monastic origin. The general of the society is known as the "black pope."

MODIFIED ACCOUNTANCY BILL PASSES HOUSE

SALEM, Or., Feb. 11.—The house has reconsidered and passed the modified state accountancy bill under which the accountancy department audits all books and records of state departments and institutions, but has had no direct supervision of county books and offices. The state insurance commissioner is placed at the head of the department with an additional salary of 500 a year. The uniform accountancy plan in the several counties is continued and the counties will hire their own accountants. The bill now goes to the senate.