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Labor, Management In Debate

Babson Discusses Wages

By Roger W. Babson
Babson Park, Mass., Nov. 2.
(Special Correspondence) I have just returned from a conference on wages. Labor was represented by a very smart lawyer; and management was represented by a kindly employer.

Labor, Employer Argue Over Higher Wages

(1) Labor's lawyer stated that his people had worked forty hours a week before the War; that during the War they had worked fifty-four hours a week and that for these additional fourteen hours received time-and-a-half pay. The employer acknowledged this; but stated that the boys of the family were then in the army and the family needed more income. Now these boys have returned and the family income, even without this overtime, will be as high as it was before.

(2) Labor's lawyer then complained about the deductions which are made from the pay envelope, namely, for Social Security, the purchase of bonds and the payment of taxes. The employer answered by saying that the deduction for Social Security was matched by a similar amount from him and that the total amount (double what was deducted from the employee) is set aside for a pension. Therefore, it is really not a deduction. The same applies to bond purchases. These bonds are as good as money and can be cashed in at any time. As to taxes, both the lawyer for labor and the employer agreed that these would be eliminated by the next tax bill going into effect in January, 1946.

(3) Labor's lawyer talked about the increased cost-of-living. This was admitted by the employer; but he presented government statistics showing that living costs as a whole have not gone up more than the base wage has risen without giving any account for overtime. It is true that wage workers are buying certain luxuries today which they did not buy before, which luxuries are not tabulated in the official cost-of-living figures.

Price Hike Needed To Meet Wage Demands

After labor's lawyer got through presenting his case the employer stated: "We would not object so strongly to increased wages if we could correspondingly increase the price of our goods. To do one without the other, however, is an absolute impossibility. We would be obliged to shut down. He brought out the following points:

(1) Not only have the base wages mentioned above gone up (irrespective of overtime) but the costs of all material have, likewise, gone up in an amount equal to the Little Steel Formula.
(2) Stockholders are getting no more in dividends; yet they must be given a corresponding increase in order for them to provide additional capital which is very much needed for recon-

version work.
(3) In answer to labor's complaint about the salaries of officers, the employer stated that their increase has been less than the increase in labor's base wage; furthermore, that if all officers worked for nothing, it would provide an increase of only from 5-10% in the wages of all other employees.

Foreign Competition Seen In Years Ahead

I did not get into the above discussion but when asked for my comments, I called attention to the following three facts:
(1) This country will have huge foreign competition in the years ahead, from which it was absolutely free during the war. Politicians can talk about putting up higher tariff walls, but this foreign labor must be given work if we are to have world peace.
(2) Foreign competition will first hit special industries, such as the textile industry; ultimately it will affect all industries.
(3) For a while this can be compensated for by unemployment insurance and living off one's war savings; but both of these will some day come to an end and a great deal of unemployment will exist in this country. Only in case atomic energy should develop into a great new industry can such unemployment be prevented.

Wage Workers Warned To Keep Present Job

Business as a whole should continue good for a few years; but there is bound to be a big re-shuffling of jobs. This will apply to both union and non-union wage workers. For four years the newspapers have had many columns of "Help Wanted" and only a few inches of "Positions Wanted." Next year the newspapers will have many columns of "Positions Wanted" and only a few inches of "Help Wanted." Another thing: Your employer has been taking anyone he could get during the war—old people, children, married women, to say nothing of many inefficient workers. Next year this situation will entirely change. When you come to work a year hence, you will find the waiting room full of people seeking employment. This means that inefficient workers will be let go and their places substituted by more efficient ones. Labor unions can protect you on your basic wage; but they cannot make employers keep inefficient and careless workers when efficient, experienced workers are willing to take the same job at the same wage. Therefore, I say to all readers:—For heaven's sake hang on to your present job. Quit squabbling about wages and hours and determine to do better work. Think of what is going to happen a year or two hence. When you were last out of employment it was bad enough not to have a pay envelope; but if the proposed wage increases are granted you may be faced with not only no pay envelope but with higher living costs.

In the history of boxing in this country. It happened between the 19th and 20th round. A. Don't know what fight you are referring to. The most dramatic moment in boxing I have witnessed was when Firpo knocked Jack Dempsey out of the ring at the Polo Grounds on the night of Sept. 14, 1923.

Passing By

Louis Calhern. Tall and talented Thespian. A native of New York City but had his first stage experience with the Spooner Stock company in Brooklyn. How right Oliver Herford was when he said: "Into each life some Brooklyn must fall." Mr. Calhern's first wife was Ilika Chase. His second was the somewhat terrific socialite Julia Hoyt. His third, Natalie Schaffer. I have seen Louis on the stage and screen many times but I think his best performance of all time was as the colonel in "Jacobowsky and the Colonel."

A New Yorker asks "what city has the best and fastest transportation" and then adds that he believes New York is tops in these respects. New York has the fastest transportation but whether or not it is "the best" is questionable. Especially if the matter of comfort is considered. A trip on a New York bus or subway train during rush hours is similar to spending a period in a torture chamber. This is especially true of the buses.

Remarkable Clock

One of the most remarkable clocks in the country is that in front of Jessop's jewelry store in San Diego, Calif. This clock, which is 21 feet high and has 20 dials, tells simultaneously the time of all nations, also the day of week, date and month. I believe smaller clocks of this type, for home use, might be successfully retailed. A clock that told simultaneously the time in all major cities in the United States as well as that in foreign cities would be a very handy thing to have around.

Writes a Baltimore subscriber: "You recently reported the stargazers claimed Tuesday was the lucky day and nine the lucky number for Aries people. You therefore suggested an Aries person go to the track on Tuesday and play nine and nine in the daily double. I am Aries born but could not arrange to get off on Tuesday, Oct. 9. So I went to Laurel Monday, Oct. 8, and thinking of your suggestion played nine and nine in the daily double. It won and paid \$309.20 for two dollars. Thanks for putting the idea in mind."

Editorial Comment

Record For the Rogue
This green Willamette valley has, we very greatly fear, lost at least one of its cherished and accustomed laurels. Where are our purposeful pussywillows? Why have our pussywillows, if any, not been reported? The disconcerting fact is that the first mention of first pussywillows is found in Arthur Perry's column, on the editorial page of the Medford Mail-Tribune of recent date. Sweet Home is silent. Lafayette has not said they are there. But Mr. Perry, seemingly unaware that he had a chance to chortle, has this to say of pussywillows in the valley of the Rogue:

Fishermen report pussywillows that failed to purr last spring are now doing it. Mr. Perry is very casual in the announcement, and perhaps he has striven to seem so—but nothing can be more certain than that the Medford Chamber of Commerce will feel that the columnist cynic-philosopher of the Rogue has singularly failed his community. For there is reason to be shared with first

pussywillows, quite as there is with huge and precious pearls. It was a time when "Ye Smudge Pot," as Mr. Perry styles his column, should have blazed high with regional pride. Nevertheless this approximate indifference on the part of the columnist is but cold comfort to us. Where are our pussywillows? If you are of these parts, dear reader, and know of any first pussywillows whereabouts, which you have grievously failed to report, send them in, we entreat you. It is about time for pussywillows that can't wait. There is just a chance that we may yet beat the Jackson county record, though to do so would entail a lot of explaining.—The Oregonian.

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson Co. History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20 and 34 years ago.
TEN YEARS AGO
Nov. 2, 1935
(It was Saturday)
Cold wave hits the valley with mercury between 30 and 40 degrees.

Italy angles for peace as LoFN boycott hurts.

Medford high rallies in last quarter to defeat Klamath Falls there 19 to 14 on muddy field and with Polar breeze blowing. Bob Smith, half, performed brilliantly. Klamath fans depressed by stinging defeat.

Tenth anniversary of Adrienne's store observed this week.

CCC contingent reports for duty at Prescott Park, will landscape grounds.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO

Nov. 2, 1911
(It was Thursday)
Jackson county fruit wins first prize at International Livestock show in Portland.

Paris fashion banishes "boy-like" figure for women.

Rain. High 55, low 47. Crater Lake and Oregon Caves roads given highway board backing.

Medford high defeats Marshfield 41 to 7 there.

Snow falls in Klamath Falls.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO

Nov. 2, 1911
(It was Thursday)
October was the driest in years with only .17 of an inch of rain.

Talent drills for artesian water.

Convict labor camp is established near Gold Hill.

Cloudy. High 64, low 35.

Only 69 forest fires in county past summer.

BUTTE CREEK RIGHTS DECREE DATE FIXED

Circuit Judge Herbert K. Hanna, following a short session yesterday, set Monday, December 10, as date for filing of the final decree in the Little Butte Creek water rights case which has been in Jackson county courts in various phases since 1905. The rights have all been adjudicated and all that remains in signing of the decree.

Involved in the action are the Medford irrigation district, the Rogue River irrigation district, and more than a score of landowners in the Eagle Point, Lake Creek, and Brownsboro districts.

Counting Golden Gate park there are 50 public parks within the city limits of San Francisco.

TEACHERS ATTEND ANNUAL INSTITUTE AT SOCE, ASHLAND

Ashland, Nov. 2.—Dr. Walter Redford, president of Southern Oregon College of Education at Ashland, opened the 1945 Southern Oregon Regional Educational conference and teachers' institute yesterday when he gave the welcoming address yesterday morning.

Dr. Frank Parr, executive secretary of the Oregon State Teachers association, Dr. Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, and Dr. Lillian Gray, associate professor of education, San Jose State college, were among the speakers during the first day of the two-day meeting. Dr. Redford presided over the morning session and Lester D. Harris, principal of Medford high school, presided over the afternoon meeting. Throughout the afternoon vari-

ous group meetings were held with subjects pertaining to school work the topics of talks.

ASHLAND BAKERY SOLD

Ashland, Nov. 2.—Sale of the

Lithia bakery to Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Wolfe of Portland was announced here yesterday by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Buehling, who have operated the establishment for the past several years.

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On The Side—By E. V. Durling

(Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

Tangled was I in love's snare, Oppressed with pain, torment with care; Of grief right sure, of joy quite bare. Clean in despair by cruelty. But Hal Hal Hal! Full well is me, For I am now at liberty. —Thomas Wyatt

(Above has been filed in our Horses & Women Research bureau file No. 194D under heading: "How to Fall Out of Love.")

A young woman named Mimi Cabanne has been added to the cast of the Theatre Guild musical "Carousel." In response to an inquiry at the Theatre Guild office if Miss Cabanne was a relative of Christy Cabanne, the veteran film director, a female with a Lexington Ave. version of the Radcliffe accent said she didn't know and added: "I am afraid nobody at the Theatre Guild knows anything about Hollywood." Yes, sir, that's what she said, plainly striving to convey the social and intellectual plane of Hollywood is such that it does not warrant the interest of the Theatre Guild intelligentsia. A ridiculous exhibition of petty snobbery.

Rouben Mamoulian, who directed both "Oklahoma" and "Carousel," the two greatest hits in Theatre Guild history, knows something about Hollywood. He was a film director there for years. Agnes De Mille, dance director for the two aforementioned hits, knows plenty about Hollywood. So does Jean Darling, who is featured in "Carousel." For a very long period Jean was one of the featured players in the "Our Gang" film comedies.

Honey Blonde "My aunt is a brown-eyed honey blonde and far and away the best looking taxicab driver in New York City," so writes a subscriber named Bill Burlingame. However, Bill neglects

to give his aunt's name or at what hack stand she is stationed. Anyway, I will be on the lookout for a brown-eyed honey blonde taxi skipper. That would be worth seeing.

Last Dance The juke box at the New York Stage Door Canteen wore out over a hundred records of "Good Night, Sweetheart." This tune was always played for the last dance of the evening. Something other than "Home, Sweet Home" or "Good Night Sweetheart" should be played for the last dance. The band leaders should exercise some originality as to this. For example "Till We Meet Again" could be played or "I'll Be Seeing You," or "It's Been a Lovely Evening."

Rum Omelette Am informed an Eighteenth Century Frenchman breakfasted regularly on an omelette of 15 eggs flavored with rum. He lived to be 106 years of age and attributed his longevity to his breakfast diet. I don't know about the 15 eggs for one omelette. I might have difficulty in talking my girl friend into that breakfast allowance. But that omelette flavored with rum doesn't sound so bad. Think I will try it tomorrow morning.

Asking Queries from clients. Q. A stogie says you can't name the only American composer to compose an opera that lasted over one season at the Metropolitan Opera. A. Guess you are referring to Charles Wakefield Cadman whose opera "Shamweils" or "The Robin Woman" was produced at the Met. However, Cadman is better known for his song "The Land of the Sky Blue Waters." Q. What was the most dramatic moment

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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Secretary of Commerce Wallace informs congress, "the American people will not stand for another great depression." A people who grimly stood for a great depression, and Secretary Wallace, in high office, at the same time, can do it again, if they have to. But they won't stand for the mass massacre of all the little pigs, to produce more hams again.

"The bride looked stunned in her wedding gown of navy blue." (Exchange social item) — The groom failed to faint, and be ruthlessly revived.

Whatever ever became, if anybody cares, of Virginio Gayda of Rome, favorite scribbler of the late B. Mussolini of Italy, who in the early 40s, thought up the nastiest things to write about democracy.

The president's wage-price policy speech is described as the opening wedge of a campaign for "re-distribution of the wealth." The way things get balled-up these times, any attempt to whack-up the spondulicks, will result in fewer millionaires, and more overwhelming abundance of poverty.

HEAVENS TO BETSY!

(San Francisco Paper) "Now it can be told... it's no longer a secret... those persistent rumors have received confirmation... The San Francisco Junior League is going to have a major social event this year!"

The menfolks will have to wait until next summer, before they can get two pair of pants with a suit. Two pair of pants present a problem. The owner never knows which pair to wear, or whether to put on both, after slipping up the early morning weather.

The terrific power of the atom bomb has driven scientists into politics, one of them reports. The atom bomb is worse than suspected. There is a silver lining, however. In fooling around looking for something to offset the atom, they might run into something to put a kibosh on politics, and its devastating by-product—politicians.

The Allied Commission has come to the conclusion Herr Hitler, and his girl friend committed suicide, in the Reichelanceclery, while the battle for Berlin raged, and the flames roared. The evidence indicating their demise is circumstantial, the commission further explains, providing a loophole for future use, if needed. The body of Adolf, nor the Russian fortress where he could be detained, have not been located.

Choice liquors are now sold at the state saloons on a catch-as-catch-can basis, due to the discovery the same thirsty were getting the better good every day. Now they are on a get-if-can-get basis.

THE GLORY OF FAITH

"Mrs. Jane Childers, 103, chatted with 50 birthday party guests at her home near Dillsboro, Jackson county, and her conversation indicated she believed she had lived her life as Christ, in whom she voiced a staunch faith, would have had her live it.

But one slip of her tongue back in her early life worried her. Once when she was helping Mrs. Clarice McMakin milk a cow, near Greenville, S. C., the cow ran away.

"Dern that old cow," Mrs. Childers exclaimed. For three-quarters of a century she has been sorrowing over this lapse from Goodness." —(Press Dis-