

What the Editors Say

In these days of flights of airplanes, flights of wages and flights of imagination there seems to be no limit to what wage earners will demand. Milk wagon drivers in New York City have struck for \$59 a week and six hours work a day. The higher the flight the greater the fall.—Sheridan Sun.

The six cent verdict in the Ford libel suit is double edged. For one side may say that the damaged reputation was worth only six cents or the other assert that the offending newspaper at its worst could do only six cents worth of damage. But one thing is certain and that is that if Ford expected vindication he did not secure it and to a great many people who judged him by his industrial success alone he is a shattered idol.—Independent.

Here is something absolutely new. A French scientist has shown that fires may be easily caused by wireless telegrams. In several experiments he has set on fire combustible materials in this way. The disturbance of ether is said to have been unknown possibilities, and the results of the exertion of tremendous power which sets either wave in motion may be most dangerous for mankind. Hereafter unknown causes of fire need not always be attributed to "crossed wires," but may be explained by "disturbance of ether waves." The application will be as ready-to-hand as "heart-failure," causing death.—Telephone Register.

The war is over but the Red Cross goes on forever. This American institution is making extensive preparations for the fight against typhus in Siberia the coming winter. Last winter more than 10,000 persons died from this plague in Siberia and the number of persons afflicted with the disease has been estimated at more than 100,000. The Red Cross personnel in Siberia which, up until three months ago, numbered 321 has been increased to 650 and many additional doctors and nurses have been sent abroad for the anti-typhus campaign. As body lice are carriers of the disease, clean clothing with ample bathing and delousing facilities are essential to the success of the campaign. One never realizes so fully how closely allied to the lower animals man is as when he contemplates the causes and the nature of the diseases which constantly menace him, and the careful preparations that must be made and followed out to protect him.—Telephone Register.

Modern methods of banking are typical of America's democratic way of doing business. Rich and poor alike keep their money in the same bank and the dollar check drawn by the girl clerk on her small account is honored just as quickly and with as little question as a check drawn by the large merchant on his account. A deposit in a bank is a basis of credit for any man or woman. It establishes a personal relation between the depositor and the bank, which may be of value in many ways to the depositor. If he will ask his banker's advice before investing his savings in numerous schemes, particularly upon investments in stocks, which are afloat in numbers today to get his money, he will in many instances be saved severe losses. The banking habit is a good one to cultivate. It raises you in your own estimation and sense and confidence in your ability to do things. A bank depositor and a home-owner are not inviting material for the I. W. W. and anarchist and Bolshevik. Their kind of stuff does not grow in his mind.—Independent.

Better Feed Home Folks.

In the opinion of Representative Anderson, of Minnesota, the United States cannot go on indefinitely shipping vast quantities of food supplies and other supplies to Europe and experience any relief from the high cost of living. He takes the view the American people are paying high for the heavy exportations for the benefit of Europe.

"I think it can be demonstrated there is the closest kind of relationship between our enormous exports to Europe and the increase of cost of living in America," said Mr. Anderson.

He pointed out the enormous quantities of supplies were being stored in this country which had been sold abroad and were held subject to exportation.—Gazette Times.

The Hen That Sat?—She No Longer Sits.

There are all kinds of methods promulgated by farm magazines and chicken fanciers for making hens "sit," but it has remained for P. Mark to find the only real and permanent way to restrain a hen from setting. The method is best explained, perhaps, by a dissertation on Mr. Mark's recent success. The story runs as follows: Having an old obdurate and sometimes obstreperous hen of his fancy flock that resists all of his persuasive powers to lay rather than set, Mr.

Mark undertook the use of a box and running cold water to bring Mrs. Hen to a more lucid understanding of his desires. A hole was bored in the side of the box to let the water escape as fast as it ran in, thus preventing Mrs. Hen from sitting and therefore setting. Sure in his success Mr. Mark ensconced Mrs. Hen comfortably in the box turned the water on and then whistled his way merrily to the real estate office one morning. He returned home in the same spirits at noon to behold the outcome of his experiments. Lo! and behold! a lettuce leaf had lodged in the outlet and the box filling with water had sent Mrs. Thoroughbred Hen to that heaven of hens where setting is no longer required.—Sheridan Sun.

The Town Band

The Hood River Glacier gives great prominence to announcement of the organization of a band of thirty pieces by the Knights of Pythias. New instruments and new uniforms will be secured, and the members say—according to the Glacier—"that the new musical body will assist the promotion of all local, civic and patriotic movements."

Despise not the town band, but support it, appreciate it and listen to it. As the character of a community may be judged by its newspapers or its churches, so its spirit may be tested by the quality of its brass band. Is the band slouchy in looks, lacking in liveliness, ragged in discipline and a stranger to tunefulness? Look for sloth in civic works, broken sidewalks, dirty streets, unkempt lawns, unweeded gardens, quarrelling neighbors, unpainted churches and backward schools. Has the band bright uniforms, competent leadership, eagerness to practice, willingness to play, interest in public affairs, and a place in every public program? Look for a town that is pushing forward, respects itself, keeps clean, wants a place in the sun, and will get it.

The brass band is not alone the bulwark and ornament of progress, pride and culture in the smaller centers, but it is the indispensable agent of go-ahead-activeness, the sign and expression of community harmony and social progress in the larger places. A city without a brass band is a dreary waste of stagnation, indifference, inharmony and ignorance. Life is not worth living there. It is not lived. It is endured.

Let every town in America have its brass band. Let every citizen interest himself in its welfare. Let the band be diligent in its pursuit of knowledge of the right kind of music and

the way to play it; and let the town see somehow that it has the ample funds to keep going. Every day then in such a town will be a gain.—Oregonian.

The Five Day Week.

Officers of the United Mine Workers of America say that at the national convention of that body, to be held early in September, there is going to be a demand made for a 30-hour week, the working time to be divided into five days of six hours each. Along with this short day and short week combination there is to be a demand for a wage increase of 40 to 60 per cent over the present scale.

Along with this remarkable proposal must be placed the demand of 40,000 union painters and decorators in New York City who, though not demanding such short hours as the miners, have actually gone on strike to obtain a five day week, thus precipitating the five day movement in the United States. These demands are naturally regarded with keen interest by the majority of Americans who would rejoice just as much as the miners and painters in the prospect of a six hour day of a five-day week, but who do not see any immediate possibility of either.

Where is the farmer who puts in so short a day or week? Where is the newspaper man, or doctor, or merchant, or banker who can attain that desirable goal of ease? Where is the housewife who hopes ever to get her work done in 30 hours a week? It is well to aspire to such ease as this and work constructively for the creation of conditions making it possible not for any single class, but for all classes. But it is necessary for people who realize the actual plight of the nation and the world today to keep repeating that this is no time for such extravagant ventures.

There has been \$200,000,000,000 worth of wealth destroyed by the war. The need of the time is the production of more wealth to make up that loss. Until more is produced, more cannot be distributed. To work fewer days and fewer hours is to limit production, retard the replacement of the lost wealth, keep up prices and make everybody poor indefinitely.

It is right that every occupation should be enabled to make a proper living and have its share of the products of industry. But the American people will never get anywhere, under present economic conditions, if they work productively only six hours out of 24, or only five days out of seven. Any man or craft that seeks to obtain full compensation for such part-time efforts in advance of the time when it will be possible generally, is demanding more than he has any right to, and trying to obtain his extra leisure at the expense of the rest of society.—Eugene Register.

Marshal Foch and The League.

(From the Kansas City Star)
Marshal Foch, in an interview printed in a London paper, making repeated references to "the next war" pointed out various things England must do if she is to be ready for it.

Goodness sake, hasn't Marshal Foch read the peace treaty with its League of Nations covenant? Doesn't he know Germany must give up keeping an army and build only a few naval ships, and not be quarrelsome or overbearing any more, and not want to get back the territory that has been taken from her, or try to regain her lost wealth and trade prestige in the world, and must be good and peaceful all the rest of its days?

Or is Marshal Foch one of those practical observers and reasoners, students of history and of human nature, who recognize the fundamentals of race and natural aspirations that underlie the surface causes of war, and who realize that the improving and refining of man's nature, while a hopeful process, is a slow one and cannot be counted on to reach an idealistic stage in time for these generations to enjoy its blessings?

June Loss \$30,500,000

The railroad loss was \$30,500,000 under government management. June is a good month in the railroad business. The total deficit for the first 1919 six months is \$242,000,000. Some showing! For this time the revenues were 41 per cent greater than during a certain test period. The expenses were 78 per cent greater. The loss of net revenue were 60 per cent. The country will never know what it owes Messrs. Wilson, McAdoo, Hines, et al for the middle they have gotten railroads into.

He is Not "Hen-Headed"

Former United States Senator, Thomas W. Harwick, of Georgia, presiding at a meeting of protest against the pending covenant of the league of nations was cheered for several minutes by a big Atlantic crowd when he said: "Mr. Wilson promised to keep us out of war, and one month after he entered upon his second term plunged us into war, and now he is again before the people with a promise to keep us out of war, but I, for one, refuse to be humped a second time."

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