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THE "ETERNAL TRIANGLE" OF BUSINESS

Mr. Hughes says "there is no concern of labor that is not also the concern of capital." He is badly mistaken. One of the great concerns of Labor is to have a home and to provide food and shelter for its women and children, and Capital is not concerned about it, or losing any sleep because the wage earner is wakeful over his problems. There is no employment of labor, if that is what Mr. Hughes meant, but that capital is interested in it, for it is out of the employment of labor in some form that most capital is able to find profitable investment.

As to this interest the two are diametrically opposed to each other. Labor seeking to get all it can and capital trying to give as little as it can. It is a condition as natural as life itself, for it is each looking out for himself. It is in the business world, "the eternal triangle" in which Wage is the woman in the case, the third corner of the triangle over which the other two quarrel.

Back of the question between the two is a much larger one that has never been solved and perhaps never will be; and that is the question of interest. How much interest should money be allowed to earn? Different countries have different rates just as they have different wage scales, so there is no universal rule governing the matter. Who should fix this rate? The states have a maximum rate above which it is unlawful to go; but by what process do the law makers arrive at a fixed rate as the most capital should be allowed to charge?

If capital is placed at work there is in most cases no limit of the amount it is permitted to make. An investment in business is permitted to make 100 or 500 per cent, if it can, and no questions are asked by the law. Why? A banker lending money to a manufacturer can get but, say, seven per cent, but the manufacturer may make 1,000 per cent, if he can, or any other sum for there is no limit. It is claimed the manufacturer runs all the risk, but if he should fail the lender may also lose. The banker takes some chance.

Here is where the wage triangle comes in. The manufacturer employing say a thousand men, due to war conditions as at present, or to any other, is able to make his capital produce 50 per cent. The laborer gets no part of these great earnings other than his usual wage, the manufacturer absorbing all the increased earnings of this thousand men. He feels he is entitled to some share in this unusual prosperity in the way of increased wages. Not getting it he feels he is wronged. He feels just as Mr. Hughes stated at Portland Wednesday, that "we are all citizens of a common country," and wonders why the profits of labor do not bear some relation to those of capital. The Bible tells us "the laborer is worthy of his hire," but that hire is an indefinite amount, and governed largely by the law of supply and demand. When the supply is large and the demand is light it is of great concern to labor, but capital is not concerned about it, for capital does not eat, nor does it have many hungry little mouths to worry about.

No, Mr. Hughes, Labor has many things that concern it that do not concern Capital.

New York may have a renewal of her street car strike. The employes claim that President Shonts has not kept his word and that those he promised to reinstate have been turned down and that he is also trying to break up the union. Shonts should remember that proverb about "letting sleeping dogs lie."

The open season for deer and hunters is on, and while the limit for deer is fixed that of the number of hunters that may be mistaken for a deer, and plugged, is unlimited. It is to be hoped, however, that hunters will be satisfied with one buck, of this variety.

The latest bread suggestion made by the bakers of the East is that bread will not be made dearer, but that the loaves will be made smaller. This is what you often hear about, "A distinction without a difference."

The railroad strike still looms, and now it seems to be up to the railroad side of the controversy. President Wilson has summoned the railroad presidents to Washington, and a large portion of them are on the way there. Until they can be consulted nothing further will be done, which means that it may be Saturday before anything whatever will be known as to the probable outcome. A Chicago paper, "The Manufacturers' News," has directed an appeal to manufacturers to wire the president upholding the position of the railroads, and intimating that the strike must come sometime and we might as well have it now. This is presumed to be the position the railroads would like to take, but they fear public sentiment should they do so. It is probably an inspired article for the purpose of feeling out the business element's pulse. It is also an intimation that sooner or later the roads will force the fighting, and that they are determined to do away with union labor, to destroy unionism—if they can.

Speaking of "pork" a lady reader asked us a few days ago what was meant by the term. The story is rather old, but some may not know its source, so with proper apologies we repeat it. Many years ago a certain man was arrested down in Kentucky for stealing a hog. He employed a lawyer and after stating his case and telling his attorney that they would undoubtedly prove it on him, the latter advised him to plead guilty and get the lightest sentence possible. This he refused to do and as the jury was selected he kept advising his attorney to keep this and that jurymen. When the jury was at last completed he whispered to his attorney: "Now fight em, there are three men on the jury that got some of the pork."

The Oregonian says the foremost publicists and literary men, including the muckrakers—will be found to be Democrats when their backs are scratched. This being accepted as true, in the interests of peace among our Republican friends, we suggest that a bit of armor on the back of Candidate Hughes until the campaign is over, is a much needed thing.

What's the use pardoning or paroling prisoners anyway? No sooner are a lot of them turned loose than the governor issues requisitions on some other governor to return some criminal to the state. We can never get rid of the supply so long as we insist on keeping up the demand for home consumption, and importing the goods to satisfy it.

Americans do not like the military life, and nothing shows this more forcibly than the slowness of recruiting now as compared to that when war with Mexico was imminent. American youth has an abundance of patriotism, but doing army service in time of peace is not attractive to him.

The Canadian provinces are emphatic in their denial that there will be a short wheat crop this year and insist the yield will be at least up to the average. Was this one of those stories gotten up by the Chicago grain pit, or was it a cunningly concocted scheme of the Master Bakers?

Only a week until that Eugene-Coos Bay wedding and the big celebration down Marshfield way on account of it. Salem should be well represented and everyone who can, should make the trip and get acquainted with the good people of our new seaport.

It is reported that W. J. Bryan will move to Asheville, North Carolina, and in time make the race for United States senator from that state. It is claimed the native Carolina politicians are not enthusiastic in their encouragement of the plan.

Georgia has changed her laws to such an extent that women are now allowed to practice law in that state. Georgia must be getting shy of legal talent.

This may not be ideal weather for pulling flax but it would do first rate for retting it. Take our hunch, Mr. Crawford, and get busy.



THE DEAD ONES

We have grown up in the belief that all the geniuses are dead; the living writers run to beef, instead of brains, within the head. We talk of Addison and Steele, and grow excited o'er their charms; and as we talk of them we feel that modern scribes are false alarms. The other day, distraught and tired, I took Joe Addison, his book, and, hoping that I'd be inspired, I read it, in the inglenook. Oh, yes, he has a graceful style—as Goldsmith had, and all that bunch—but you must read about a mile before you come across a punch. And Joseph's morals were O. K., the output of a thoughtful dome; but he would preach for half a day, to drive one little lesson home.

If I should make my screeds so long, you'd close your eyes and gently snore, or else, impelled by sense of wrong, you'd shoot me for a turgid bore. I don't believe that he or Steele, or any other old time bard, could sell the stuff they used to reel, today, and get five cents a yard.



IT WILL HELP THE CROPS



THE TATTLER

The Iowa picnic seems to be a rain-maker. Owing to the wet, things were dry yesterday at the town swimming hole.

It has been noted that the average person's appetite for eggs increases with the price.

That wet weather at this season is good for hops is an opinion held almost entirely by frogs.

There is a suspicion prevalent hereabouts that red will be much worn by street cars this season.

The weather last night was cool, but it was not distant, not a bit of it.

An exchange over across the river says that "folks are painting up." There seems little excuse for it in this glow-of-health-producing climate.

Kansas Man Bequeaths Fortune to His Bank

T. J. Browning, of Salem, was especially interested in the following dispatch which appeared in the papers recently. Mr. Robinette was an old and esteemed friend of his before he came to this city three years ago, and the unusual disposition of his estate was characteristic of the man who appreciated the source from which most of his wealth came, and who wished to see the institution in which he was deeply interested in his lifetime prosper after his death. The dispatch reads: Hutchinson, Aug. 8.—Remembering all his relatives with bequests, many of his business associates and friends and others whom he had befriended, S. D. Robinette, a Greensburg, Kans., banker and stockman who died Monday morning in the Methodist hospital, left the residue of his estate to the surplus fund of the bank of which he was president, the Home State bank of Greensburg. In this way he returned to the institution that had made much money for him the bulk of his estate valued conservatively at \$150,000. The bank will receive at least \$60,000, it is estimated.

Mr. Robinette was born in Clark county, Indiana, August 18, 1850. He came to Kiowa county in 1884 and for 32 years was one of the big stockmen of the southwest. In 1903 he established the Home State bank and became president. He grew wealthy but had hundreds of friends and he had the reputation of taking care of those whom he knew. A week ago he made his will and it provides for everyone who had any claim on him. To many farmers and renters of properties owned by him he leaves deeds to their places as gifts.

As a democrat Mr. Robinette was well known and he held many offices. He was a delegate to the democratic national convention in 1912. He was never married and is survived by three sisters and a brother. His home was the

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BULL ELK IN CLOVER

North Yakima, Wash., Aug. 18.—Volunteers are wanted today to shoot a bull elk out of a clover patch on the Naches Valley ranch. The elk has been there a week. He escaped from a herd imported from Yellowstone Park. The farmer on whose land he is trespassing wants \$25 from the county commissioner.

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