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THE NRA AND STRIKES

The United States papers which are opposed to President Roosevelt are wont to blame him for many of the labour troubles, which have developed in that country since he and his party assumed power last year. On the other hand the NRA was set up with the object of relieving the serious unemployment situation, which existed in that country and also to bring about improved working conditions for the working man. While some improvement has taken place over there in the matter of unemployment the textile and other strikes would indicate that the NRA has not been an entire success.

The textile strike if it should continue and if the board now considering matters can't settle it will throw a million persons out of employment. One speaker on the radio estimated that five million people would be on the dole this year in the United States if textile strike continued.

Latest figures gathered by the Associated Press indicate that between 300,000 and 400,000 had obeyed the strike order up to last night, and considering the disastrous consequences likely to ensue, if the authorities fail to nip the strike in the bud, it will be of interest to show what the trouble is all about. The specific demands of the United Textile Workers of America, filed with the National Labor Board, read as follows:

1. Establishment of a thirty-hour maximum work week consisting of six hours per day, five days per week with the same earning power that the workers received under the forty-hour week. Definitions and classifications of occupations must be made and graduated minimum wage scales set up according to skill of the worker. Wages in different sections of the industry must be made more uniform, to stabilize competitive as well as labor conditions.

2. Establishment of a maximum work load for operations in various divisions of the textile industry.

3. Reinstatement of all workers victimized for union membership in violation of section 7 A of the National Industrial Recovery Act.

4. Recognition of the United Textile Workers of America as the bargaining agency of the workers in the textile industry, and the signing of an agreement between the international office of the United Textile Workers of America and the various divisions of the textile industry governing the labor relationship between both groups.

5. The establishment of an arbitration tribunal, mutually agreeable to both parties to settle all disputes that the parties are unable to be final and binding upon both parties.

In a word, the textile workers are asking for shorter hours with no reduction in wages. The textile mill operators have refused that as well as the demand for uniform wages in the mills and the strike is on, while President Roosevelt is moving to bring about reconciliation.

THE CONSUMER DECIDES

It rests with the consumer who is master of the situation in regard to merchants. The consumer alone will decide the fate of each.

Evolution in business has been working toward one great objective, he said—the greatest number of goods for the greatest number of people at the lowest possible price. And in the process of evolution it is impossible to forecast what particular type of merchandising organization will survive, whether the individual store, the department store, the chain store or some other. The fate of these rest with the customer.

This is so plain and matter of fact a presentation of the matter that its importance may easily be overlooked.

The development of merchandising methods is not going to be determined by the raging of politicians or the analysis of economists but by the survival of the fittest to serve the public.

HORSES AND CUPID

When Dobbin and the top buggy passed out, a severe blow was struck at Cupid's transportation system. No substitute since has been found for a safe and slow horse plodding along a country lane on a moonlit Sabbath evening and drawing a "top-carriage" unguided by reins looped loosely around the whip socket. Traffic laws of those days were of the most rudimentary kind and put no crimp in the style of the crafty little god with the bow and arrow.

But behold the blight of motordom. What would youngsters of the gay '90s have thought of a law that say drivers must not "have either arm around another person nor shall another person have either arm around the operator while the vehicle is in motion"? And consider that other ordinance that prohibits a driver from holding any other person on his lap while the vehicle is in motion.

How can romance thrive under such conditions?

A BRIGHT NEWSPAPER

One of the brightest weekly papers that comes to our desk is the Observer of Hartland, operated by Charles R. Allen. The paper shows the result of newspaper training. Mr. Allen, who is a son of R. P. Allen, founder and former proprietor of The Daily Mail learned the newspaper business first with his father on The Mail, and later was with the McLean publications in Toronto. He is an undergraduate of the University of New Brunswick. The section of Carleton County and other up-river counties served by The Observer should appreciate a good paper and they are fortunate in having a real live newspaper man in their midst. It is a great asset to a community.

SNAPSHOTS

Those who are proficient, but not good natured, think very little of good nature.

Elder people have peace of mind because they have quit trying to reform themselves.

So long as you are paying a doctor, you might as well get the worth of your money and do as he says.

Next to a sleeping baby crime is the hardest thing to keep covered up.

The season is near that Jack Frost gloats. He can do such a lot of damage in the least possible time.

At a certain period in their growth cities cease to be proud of the congestion in their business streets and get mad about it.

Fat people would like to get rid of their surplus; but there are no theories of the redistribution of fat as there are for the redistribution of wealth.

Any financial expert can tell you "what stocks'll maybe do"; but a really good one can tell you what they'll "maybe do it".

Dominant peoples of the world may be the meat eaters, as some say, but the dominant peoples are fighting pretty hard these days to get the meat.

Voliva says the devil will inherit the earth this Fall. And we thought all the time that it went to him five years ago.

DRIVES AUTO BLINDFOLDED, HANDCUFFED

The Fredericton Exhibition, Limited, has been fortunate in securing an extra added attraction this year, Rajini, the man who drives automobiles blindfolded and with his hands handcuffed to the steering wheel.

Rajini will perform each afternoon, beginning Monday and lasting until Thursday night of next week. The evening performances of this daredevil of the track are particularly dangerous as the track is not illuminated and the slightest mishap spells death. Rajini will drive a new Ford V-8 from the Universal Sales, Limited, of this city.

Our Mail Bag

CHAIN VS. LOCAL STORES

Fredericton, Sept. 8, 1934.

The Editor,
"The Mail,"

Dear Sir:—

You are doing an excellent work in bringing before your readers so many matters of local interest and concern.

I would like to say a word about "chain stores," which some citizens are so wont to condemn. "Buy at Home" is a good slogan, of course, and one hates to see long-established local business go to seed. But why blame it all on the "chain stores"? Other factors may have contributed to the downfall; for instance, obsolete systems and ideas, prices not consistent with quality, too much credit to friends, &c. "Chain stores" admittedly have lowered commodity prices, and so have done a good turn to the average citizen, the wage-earner. And that very same lowering of prices has really been a boon to local business in general, in that it has allowed the limited spending money of the wage-earner to go further. Paying less for food and other necessities, he is able to patronize other merchants to some extent, too, thus increasing turnover; and instead of one or two merchants getting a larger profit, several merchants are sharing in the profits thus created. What any merchant, be he local or not, does with his profits, is not for me to dictate he may invest them here or elsewhere, and judging by the daily radio reports of stock exchange activities some of the money earned in Fredericton goes outside of the Town and of the Province, yes, and of the Dominion. Why cannot our local merchants whom we would like to protect not sell goods as low as the chain store they charge much more for women's wear for one thing. So why fret about "chain stores"? What about banks and insurance companies?

And, local merchants are not prone to refuse patronage from people from other places. Of course not. They are human, and have a right to what they honourably acquire, and a right to use it as they see fit, the same as "chain store" operators and wage-earners have. Maybe the Mail does not like to use this but its true anyway.

Yours Truly,
CANDID.

BENNETT DISCUSSES NEW FRENCH TREATY

Tariff Arrangement On Wheat and Wine Sought

Paris, Sept. 8.—A new tariff, arrangement governing the entry of Canadian wheat into France, and French wines into Canada were discussed by Premier Bennett of Canada with Lucien Lamoureux, French Minister of Commerce here today.

The Canadian statesman visited the Ministry of Commerce this morning to talk about the trade relations of the two countries with especial reference to the wheat and wine matter. The conversations were also attended by other Canadian and French officials.

Following a luncheon which M. Lamoureux gave in honor of the Prime Minister the negotiations will be resumed this afternoon.

Mr. Bennett arrived here yesterday on his way to the League of Nations Assembly opening in Geneva. He was to leave Paris for the Swiss City on Saturday.

WORLD NEWS

Glasgow, Scotland, Sept. 8.—Deaths of three of those injured brought the death toll in the train smash here today to five, with 33 injured.

Algiers, Africa, Sept. 8.—A severe earthquake destroyed the town of Carnot today. Five thousand persons were homeless and many were feared dead.

Ottawa, Sept. 8.—John Grierson, English Arctic flier, who damaged his plane here yesterday in a crash on the Ottawa River, expects to take off tomorrow for New York.

U. S. Trying to Drag In King's Name

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James Pope, Idaho Democrat, introduced into the record of the United States Senate committee investigating arms manufacture yesterday afternoon purported to be from the Polish representative of the Driggs Ordnance and Engineering Company of New York and read:

"King of Great Britain summoned our ambassador in London and intervened in 3-inch or 75 AA 50-caliber gun on new mount letter December 15th, 1928, contract. Chief stands high pressure but great difficulty hold situation. You must hasten summoning commission to America. Anxiously await your telegram promised for today."

The telegram was produced during the testimony of Louis L. Driggs, head of the ordnance company which was shown to have had the aid of United States war department in an effort to sell guns to Poland. Driggs said the contract had not yet been awarded.

Reluctant Witness

An extremely reluctant witness Driggs several times tried to avoid answering questions.

"That's the sort of thing that should not be made public," he complained bitterly, as Pope finished the Warsaw telegram.

"What do you make of that reference to the King", asked Pope.

"It's the same sort of gesture that British royalty has been engaging in lately", replied the witness.

"For example, sending the Prince of Wales to South America, and making a glorified salesman out of him. It's simply that the British Royal family is interested in getting orders for British business".

"Do you think your agent was telling the truth when he said the King had intervened?" asked Pope.

"Certainly".

Vickers, the British armament house, Driggs testified, was his chief competitor in Poland.

"Is King George a stockholder in Vickers?" Senator Homer Bone, Washington Democrat inquired.

"I have no way of knowing", replied the witness.

Women Employed, Charge

A letter from Herbert Allen, Driggs' agent, charged that Vickers, great British armament firm, employed women to help get business in Turkey. Vickers, said Allen's communication, "had almost an entire embassy in number working for them, and used women of doubtful character frequently".

Driggs said that Kemal Pasha had however cleaned up "graft" in Turkey.

A letter to Driggs from his Polish representative in 1927 stressed the necessity for "influencing" a large number of persons in order to get Polish order. By "influencing", Driggs said he meant entertaining.

Morro Castle Burns, Two Hundred Lost

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"The girls didn't cry. No, not once. They were swell".

Coastguard officials estimated the dead at 200, Ashbury Park police estimated 250. Most of them were burned to death while they slept, others failed to break through the wall of flames and were trapped like rats. An unknown number were drowned as they leapt from the port holes into the sea.

A sailor said that he had searched around the ship for passengers who had leapt overboard but that he didn't see any.

"It was rainy and gray and hard to see. We looked around but didn't pick up anybody".

DIED

DIED:—At 267 Smythe Street, Fredericton, Sept. 7, 1934, John S. Kelly, aged 95 years.

Funeral on Sunday afternoon from Mrs. Fraser's home at 2 p.m. Service will be conducted by Ven. Archdeacon A. F. Bate, and interment will be made at the Rural Cemetery extension.

DIED:—At Devon, Sept. 7, 1934, Helen M. Ward, wife of George W. Ward. Funeral on Sunday afternoon from the late home at 3.15 o'clock. Service will be conducted jointly by Revs. Mr. Burge and Dr. Wightman, and interment will be made in the Rural Cemetery.

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FOX NEWS BETTY BOOP CARTOON

Here Monday and Tuesday

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London, Sept. 7.—Anthony Eden, Lord Privy Seal, left for Geneva today via Paris to represent Great Britain at the League council meeting opening tomorrow.

Kirkwall, Orkney Islands, Sept. 7.—Prof. Richard U. Light and Robert Wilson took off from here in their plane at 3:51 P. M., (10:51 A. M., E. S. T.) on a flight to Edinburgh.

CITY OF FREDERICTON

NOTICE

After Saturday, SEPT. 8th, the caretaker will no longer be in attendance at the West End Bathing Beach.

FRED I. HAVILAND,
City Hall, City Clerk.
Sept. 8th, 1934.

TENDER!

Tenders for fourteen (14) cords of two-foot Hardwood, medium size, at least 75 p.c. Yellow Birch and Maple, to be delivered at Morrison Mill School, will be received by the undersigned until Tuesday, September 11, 1934.

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Board of School Trustees,
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