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SERIOUS CONDITIONS

The Times quotes on another page that portion of the Daily Telegraph's special New York letter which treats of financial and industrial conditions in the United States, and of President Roosevelt's sensational speech at the Gridiron Club banquet. It shows, as did the article in yesterday's Times touching the railroad situation, that the elements of an upheaval in the financial and industrial world are manifesting themselves, and must be looked to by thoughtful men who have the power to alter and amend conditions. The revelations of the past year or so in high financial circles have brought into being influences and factors that are producing a new set of conditions. Between the extremes of monied oligarchy and unbridled socialism stands President Roosevelt, as the mouthpiece of a sane conservatism. Can he and those who see, as he sees, the danger, bring order out of the partial chaos of this period of industrial uncertainty and agitation? He tells the heads of the great corporations that they must mend their ways or face the anger of a people deprived of rights and disposed to wreak vengeance. Naturally Wall Street is angry at the president, since his words have a depressing effect upon stocks, and tend to stimulate into greater activity the enemies of capital. Apparently the president has grown somewhat tired of the conditions under which the treasury has to come to the rescue of Wall Street, while the big financiers go on manipulating the market for their own purposes. Perhaps a period of panic is necessary to bring about healthier conditions, but in the process many fortunes would melt away and many hopes would be destroyed.

PROFIT-SHARING

The Toronto News gives an interesting review of an English profit-sharing scheme which has proved a great success, both for the company and its employes. We quote:

"Among the English companies the South Metropolitan Gas Company fairly illustrates the workings of the profit-sharing system. The Co-Partnership instituted by the South Metropolitan Gas Company is now some seventeen years old. The seventeenth distribution was in July last, and the amount divided was £43,962. According to the rules, one-half of this must go into stock and the other half is withdrawable. The employes, or co-partners, as they are called, preferred, however, to invest almost all of the funds in stock and actually so applied £41,683 of the £43,962. The stock yields 4 1-2 per cent., and the employes evidently prefer this to a cash account drawing 3 per cent. Officers and employes participating in this profit-sharing system began in 1889, after several years work in organization, with £6,863. That is, after some time spent in acquainting the workmen with the idea, and discussing with them the best means of carrying it into practise, the first distribution was £6,863. The scheme had and still has occasional fluctuations, arising from a variety of causes, just as the business of an industrial company fluctuates. But the growth of the co-partnership scheme may be gathered from the following:

Year.	Per cent.	Bonus
1892	3	£ 5,697
1896	7½	16,217
1900	9	23,784
1904	8¼	33,212
1906	9¾	43,961

"Eight years ago the accumulation by employes reached £100,000. This was thought to be a great event. In the past eight years, however, the amount has risen to £337,192, and it would seem probable that before long it will total half a million pounds. The secretary of the co-partnership has calculated the amount that an employe earning 30s. a week ($7.20), would now have if he had left all his bonuses in the hands of the company from the inception of the profit-sharing system. The sum is £132 4s., or about $650. From such beginnings the sum is startling. There are now some 4,998 co-partners in the company worth at least £334,709, an average of £66, or about $325 per man."

PROHIBITION IN MAINE

An illustration of the difficulties met with in the enforcement of prohibition in a community where public sentiment is not strongly for enforcement is given in the report of the Sturgis commission in Maine. That state has had prohibition for many years, and yet so lax was the enforcement of the law that two years ago a special commission was appointed to endeavor to do what the regular officers of the law should do, but had failed to do. This commission has just reported to the legislature on its two years' work. It admits that there is still much liquor sold, and gives very good reasons for the fact, in the following paragraph:—

"The commission believes that the deputies did their duty faithfully and well and rendered services under conditions at times disagreeable. To them is due what has been accomplished in the attempt of the commission to procure better enforcement of law. The commission avers that it suffered abuse, and was being opposed directly by liquor sellers and indirectly by others in ways which cannot be pinned down and labelled but are oftentimes effective; they found hostile grand juries and trial juries; they have worked both day and night when necessary and in all kinds of weather; and yet they were only seeking to enforce those laws which the people have enacted."

From this confession it is very clear that public sentiment in many parts of Maine is not yet strong enough to enforce prohibition. The total expenses of the commission for 1905 and 1906 amounted to $41,185.38 of which $12,462.68 was paid into the state treasury making a total net expense to the state of $28,748.70.

Mr. E. Stewart, dominion superintendent of forestry, who recently visited the far north, found that wheat was successfully cultivated in Fort Simpson, some 500 miles north of Edmonton. Another point which he noticed was the remarkable amount of alluvial soil, similar to that in the prairies, to be seen in the valley of the Mackenzie.

The publishers of the Winnipeg directory, basing their calculation on the number of names in their book, estimate the population of the city at 136,953, but the Free Press discounts these figures. It says, however, that "the citizen who would give the population of the city off-hand at 120,000 would not be far from the mark."

SOME LABOR QUESTIONS

No. 5—LARRY, THE LIME BURNER.

Prof.—No, I'm not going out. Sit down. Put your feet up to the fire and tell me what is the trouble. They say the ice is nearly all out of the Reach, so we'll soon have warm weather.

Larry—Yes, and we have begun burning. That is why I came. My boy, John, got a bad clip last week and it crushed his right hand and arm, so it had to be cut off, just above the elbow.

Prof.—Hod did it happen?

Larry—The big derrick was at work lifting heavy blocks. Jack was loading a small car. The man at the winch either mistook the order or got the wrong order, for the stone swung the wrong way and mashed Jack's arm against the car. The doctor told me he thought there was some law about it, but he seemed slow to tell me of it. Do you know what it is, sir?

Prof.—Yes, there is a law that would protect you from a fellow workman's neglect if you lived in Belgium, or France, or England, or New Zealand, or Massachusetts, but since you live in New Brunswick you are not protected. A boom-man, a raftsman, a miner and a quarryman are not in the same class with Germans and French. You are left out of the law. If you had lived in Great Britain the Compensation Act would give your son at least one if not two years' pay for the loss of the arm. Since he lives here and is a quarryman he gets nothing.

Larry—But that is not a fair go. He did his work all right. Somebody should pay.

Prof.—Yes, someone should and that one is the owner of the quarry. No man working at booming, rafting, quarrying, etc., should be asked to take the risk of his work.

Larry—That's so. If I am careless and get hurt I am to blame. But if I am hurt by another man's neglect then the boss should pay the damages.

Prof.—Sound logic, Larry. That is the basis of British, New Zealand and Belgian law. Some states in the Union have that law. Why don't you go to your representative at Fredericton and ask him to put that clause in the Workman's Compensation Act? I am sorry for you and the boy, but you and the other quarrymen should have pressed this two years ago, when the government passed the Act.

Larry—And is the law made only for ship laborers? Isn't a boom-man and a quarryman just as good as a deal-stower? You're fooling me.

Prof.—No, my man, it is all the sober truth, and further, the Act, as written, is of small service, for it has not the principle of the New Zealand Act., viz., that the workman does not take the risk of his employment unless the injury is caused by his own neglect. Ah, Larry, you men who hew out the seams of coal and hills of lime and granite, should know how far ahead of you are the Belgians and Germans. They don't waste their time in talk, but, in united bodies, they urge reasonable requests and the government and employers admit their requests are right.

Larry—Do you think that stiff old boss of mine would ever willingly give us that law? You don't know him. Why all he did was to offer to pay the doctor's bill.

Prof—Well that shows he is kind, because the law would not make him pay that. I tell you if the law is for the province most employers will agree to it. Even those who opposed it are now coming to see that such a law will tend to weed out careless foremen, edgers and others. It will make every quarry-owner and mill-owner more careful as to his master-workmen, his gear and his machinery. And all of that means the saving of life and decrease of accidents. The average man of 25 is worth to Canada, if he lives until 60 at least $10,000. For during those 35 years his work could increase the value of raw materials, such as lime, coal, iron, etc., etc., fully $10,000. If he be killed at 25 the state loses a valuable worker, therefore, the state should give that worker every possible protection. If a Winnipeg grain dealer ships a million bushels of wheat per the "Empress" to Liverpool, the government protects it by light houses, buoys, fog alarms, etc., until the steamer gets out to sea. Surely then it is right to insist that the steamship owner shall at least take good care of that trimmer who, in the hold, shovelled the grain as it poured in—and surely if the trimmer, by no fault of his own, is badly injured, surely the steamship company should pay all the damages. And further, Larry, they will pay it if you men, miners, millmen and laborers, in a united way show them the justice and wisdom of it. There, that is too long a sermon. I wish I could restore the boy's arm, but remember you are not the only man who has boys at work in mills and quarries.

BYSTANDER.

DESHLER KNOCKED OUT

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 1—Charley Neary, of Milwaukee, knocked Dave Deshler of Boston out in the eighth round of a ten round bout before the Badger Athletic Club tonight.

Registrar Jones reports six marriages for the present week, also fourteen births—seven males and seven females.

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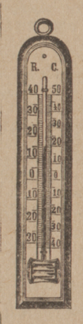
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What he does, but do not wait
Till the heavy hand of fate
Lays him low.

If your heart contains a thought
That would brighter make his lot
Then, I beg you, hide it not;
Tell him so.

Life is hard enough at best,
But the love that is expressed
Makes it seem a pathway blest
To our feet.

And the troubles that we share
Seem the easier to bear.
Smile upon your neighbor's care
As you greet.

Rough and stony are the ways,
Dark and dreary are our days,
But another's love and praise
Make them sweet.

Wait not till your friend is dead
Ere your compliments are said,
For the spirit that has fled,
If it know.

Does not need to speed it on
Our poor praise; where it has gone
Love's eternal golden dawn
Is aglow.

But unto our brothers here
That poor praise is very dear,
If you've any word of cheer,
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—Chicago News.

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A MAN-LIKE OVERSIGHT.

"I learned that the performance was no good, so I did not get you the matinee tickets as you wished."

"The fact that the show is no good woesn't alter the fact that I have a new dress to show off, does it?"—Houston Post.

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WAGS MEET.

"Plenty of war in Warsaw," remarked the near-humorist.

"Yes; and that other town is having dead Lodz of trouble," responded the almost-wit, as he proceeded to light up an El Flor de Skunk Cabbage.—Washington Journal.

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KIND YOUNG MAN.

The Dad—My son, I want to tell you that the secret of my success, as it must be of any man's, is hard work. I—

The Son—Sh! Dad, I don't care to hear other people's secrets, and I am too much of a gentleman to take advantage of information gained that way. Say no more. Cleveland Leader.

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THE CLIMATIC EFFECT.

An Englishman resident in Persia fell into a discussion with a neighbor there, says Napier Malcolm in his book on Persia, over the native tendency to lying. He insisted that lying was a sin.

"It is all very well for a Ferangi (an Englishman) to say that," replied the Persian. "But the fact is they cannot tell lies as we can. It is entirely a matter of climate."

"In that case Persians ought to speak the truth," said the Englishman. "One of the ancient Greek historians declared that Persians were remarkable for their truth telling."

"That is very true," said the native. "But who does not know that the climate of a country changes entirely in 2,000 years."

TO ASSIST THE IMMIGRANTS

New Branch of Methodist Home Mission Work Which Has Been Helpful.

A new and very helpful branch of Methodist Home Mission work is the care of immigrants of that denomination by the local clergy, who make it their business to meet those arriving at this port and render them any assistance that lies in their power.

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In Memorium--Hon. Andrew G. Blair.

Across the land from shore to distant shore,
On wings of lightning was the sad news spread.
"Alas! he's gone, and numbered with the dead,
New Brunswick's leading statesman is no more."

As friends and kinsmen heart-laments outpour,
In sympathy shall many tears be shed.
Where, fighting for his country's rights, he led
To victory, and the brunt of battles bore.

Farewell, a long farewell; but, thou shalt still
In spirit, to the land wise counsel lend;
While, o'er thy tomb dear loving hearts shall strew
Sweet flower—tributes, 'mid th' melodious trill
Of sylvan throats,, as silent prayers ascend;
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