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THE FOLLY OF STRIKES.

It is satisfactory to note that there is some prospect of the dispute which has been going on between the Nova Scotia coal miners and the coal companies regarding wage rates, may be amicably settled after all, without recourse being had to industrial war. It is certainly not desirable that conditions should arise such as now exist in some parts of the State of Rhode Island, where martial law has had to be put in force. Press despatches tell us that armed soldiers parade the streets of some of the mill towns of that State for the purpose of keeping order, and there have been clashes between the disorderly elements and the soldiers. One man has been shot and killed.

This situation has resulted from a strike of the cotton mill employees of the State. A cut in wages of 20 per cent. has been ordered by the mill managers, and the men and women workers are attempting to resist this reduction in pay by cutting their employment. They have been told by the heads of their unions that if they do this, the mill owners will be compelled to pay them what they demand. The mill people declare that the reduction in wage schedules is necessary if they are to keep their factories running.

What the result will be is yet to be determined. But whatever it is, it will have been decided by force, rather than by what is fair to the companies operating the factories. What ever the decision is, both sides will also have suffered a money loss. Neither workers nor employers will be likely ever to make up what the strike is costing them and will continue to cost them, so long as it continues.

What is true of this Rhode Island strike is true of all strikes that continue for any appreciable length of time. The strike is always a losing game from a money point of view, and the only occasion when there is excuse or reason for the employment of it is when it is necessary for the maintenance of a principle and is the only weapon available for such a purpose.

In recent years men have been seeking a remedy for strikes. Grouping would perhaps be a more expressive word to employ. Economists, statesmen and individuals engaged in industry have studied the problem and have proposed plans. But every plan they have proposed, and every experiment they have suggested, have met with the uncompromising and unreasoning resistance of the professional labor leaders of the country without regard to their merits. Workers have a right to strike, they proclaim, as it is true they have in a commonly recognized legal sense, and they refuse to listen to any proposition that would tend to abridge that right.

CANADIAN FISHERIES.

Every now and again a movement is started for the inclusion of Newfoundland in the Dominion of Canada, and one of these periodical revivals of the idea has recently been experienced, but it has been strongly combated by the fishing interests of the island, which fear that the Maritime Provinces would prove serious competitors in the world's fish markets, and that as Canada has no surplus capital to develop her own resources, it could not help to develop those of the island.

RT. HON. A. J. BALFOUR.

More than one of the delegates to the recent Washington Conference materially increased his reputation for statesmanship, as the result of his attitude there, but it is questionable if anyone distinguished himself to such an outstanding extent as did Mr. A. J. Balfour. Besides being a statesman he is also a philosopher and an author, in both of which capacities he has made his mark. At the banquet which was tendered to him on his return home from Washington more eulogistic references were made to the part which he had played at the Conference, than have probably ever been made to any other statesman. What he accomplished there was characterized by Mr. Lloyd George as "one of the most notable contributions statesmanship has ever made for the sum of human peace and human happiness." He added the well-merited addendum "the distinction and dexterity with which he handled the affairs of this country at Washington filled our hearts with real pride. This flattering expression by the British Premier will undoubtedly be concurred in by Englishmen throughout the whole Empire, who have followed Mr. Balfour's career in the various spheres of activity in which he has

been called upon to engage. As Prime Minister of Britain for several years, as one of the pillars of the Coalition Government during the war, as a missionary to the United States when the fortunes of the war were at their darkest for the Allies, as one of the members of the Paris Conference that brought the war to a close, and lastly at the Washington Conference on the limitations of armaments, he has been an outstanding figure, and the value of the work he accomplished in each of these several capacities can not be exaggerated.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Keep Egypt Out of Politics.
(London Morning Post.)
The day of the British Government in Egypt, it must be said, is not a happy one. It is in dealing with Egypt that the interests of Egypt and not of electoral calculations. It must also decline to be intimidated by the extremists, particularly as Lord Alibay has done with England what Lord Harding is afraid to do with Gandhi. The Egyptian situation is not hopeless, if the politicians at home would only make way for statesmen.

The Age of the Young Man.

(London Morning Post.)
Honest politicians there are, but they have been overborne by the want of numbers. If we are to look for restoration, we must look to it as the task of the young men, the young men who served in the war, or who are the sons of the men who were killed. They will find that the old gentlemen in possession who let the country down have even lost the sincerity of politics, so that the new men actually begin by convincing the public of their elementary honesty.

An Unnatural Alliance.

(Boston Transcript.)
The strength of the Indian non-cooperationist movement lies in the union it presents of Moslem and Hindu. Yet this combination can only be a temporary one, and sooner or later the aims of the two movements will be sure to become estranged, if it does not actually break. Of late, indications have multiplied that the Moslems are seeking to box the upper hand in the non-cooperationist movement, if they have not already gained it. If the alliance between Moslem and Hindu should dissolve, the task of the Indian Government would become relatively an easy one.

A Matter of Good Citizenship.

(Indianapolis News.)
No man can be a good citizen who does not strive to the utmost to provide for his own, and do everything in his power to relieve them from anxiety, and to make his home a happy one. There can be no good citizen who is not a good neighbor. Where there are not trust and confidence. Few people there are who do not know cases of men who have died leaving their families in the land of the living, and their families unprovided for, though they had lived on such a scale as to justify them in expecting a competence. Many a safety deposit box has been found to be filled with worthless stock certificates.

Time for Action.

(Times of India.)
Non-co-operation has filled the land, not because of any truth it contains, but because its message is on thousands of lips. It is a good message, but it is not a new one. It is a message of the street corner urging, persuading, intimidating. Men, women and children are all at it, and so it has gone throughout the land. While all this is going on the representatives of a better order of things are silent, afraid or overawed, or perhaps doubtful. Perhaps indeed, calculating the odds, and the time for every honest man to make his choice and to show in no unambiguous way what side his sympathies are on, and, in spite of the threatened consequences, to testify to that which in his heart he believes to be true. It is not every day that we are presented with such an opportunity of playing the man.

The Indian Dancer.

(London Daily Express.)
Constitutionalism can get its roots into the mind of India in time the danger of an explosion or a collapse will be averted. It is useless, however, to minimize the danger, and those who say that the danger is not involved in extremism, and that because of British treatment of Turkey, are explaining an effect by one of its causes. The humiliated of the Sultan is a useful warning for propaganda, but it does not account for everything in Gandhism. Least of all does it explain the sinister but none the less strong participation of many Hindus in the extremist movement. The policy of the Viceroy has been strongly criticized for its failure to adopt decisive measures against the leaders of the disturbers of the peace. But it is not too late for Lord Reading to act.

What Are the Economic Laws?

(The Villager.)
Has the modern world never known an economic position like the present one? Mr. Lloyd George began again the other day to say that it had not, but he corrected himself. The time is not quite unexpected, he said, for that which followed the Napoleonic wars is comparable to it. It is indeed, and there is a mystifying repetition in this year 1922 of precisely the problems which worried 1822, mystifying because, as one reads the records of 100 years ago, the discussion in the magazines, the books and pamphlets, and compares them with what we are saying and writing today, one gets the feeling as of a whole century of political and economic development having been blotted out, having exerted no influence, the organization of credit, the organization of labor, the organization of business, and yet here we are today, blaming and prescribing in the old way, duplicating the old phraseology! There are the farmers' troubles, for example. "It is the deflation policy of the Federal Reserve Board which has destroyed hundreds of millions in values of farm products," cries Senator Harris, of the Agricultural bloc. Of the agricultural distress of 1822, Professor Bunsen wrote that "the seasons most calamitous for it were the two harvest years in the currency, the deflation from paper to gold, and that 'the banks have contracted their accommodations' and

Benny's Note Book

BY BENNY PAPE

THIS PARK AVE. NEWS
Weather. Possibly better, probably worse.
Sports. SM Hunt, smacked coffee in one of his fathers old pipes last Sunday and says he hopes no friend of his will ever half to suffer what he suffered.
Business and Finance. Mrs. Fichet gave Patsy Stinkins 25 cents to shovell the snow away from in front of her house last Thursday and Patsy gave Sam Cross 6 cents to do it after offering him 5, and Sam gave Artie Alexander 4 cents to do it after offering him 3, and Artie Alexander did it.
Fame by Skinny Martin.
THERE MITS NOT BE BENT.
O Ma also to eat red apples
In peace time or in war,
And hear the old familiar saying
May will you gimmy the core!
Intrinsinc Facks About Intrinsinc People. Last Saturday afternoon Sid Hunt shined his shoes and mysteriously went some-where, but he denies he's got a girl.
Slattery. Mr. Ed Wernick got 6 bankchairs for his birthday with his initial in the corner, saying they're better than nothing.
Lost and Found. Nothing.

no checked the agricultural adventure and enterprise. It is that the economic laws remain unchanged, someone will say. Yes, but what are the economic laws?

THE LAUGH LINE

The average woman spends most of her time talking about her husband, and so does her husband.
Some girls look like human beings. And some girls wear blue paint around their eyes.
Unkind.
Post-The editor said that his poems were just the kind he should like to read by the fireside.
Artist-Perhaps that's so he can throw them in without getting up.
London Weekly Telegraph.

One View of It.

"Truth is stranger than fiction," quoted the parlor philosopher.
"Naturally," agreed the mere man.
"We never have a chance to get so well acquainted with it."—Chicago Journal.

Troublesome Point.

We still miss uncertainty whether we're too lazy to understand this ultra-modern verse, or whether the writers thereof are too lazy to make themselves understood.—New York Tribune.

Generous.

When little Bennie brought the milk in off the front porch one cold morning he found a pillar of the frozen fluid sticking out of the bottle.
"Oh, mamma," he cried, "I like our new milkman."
"Is that so?" Why? asked the mother.
Showing her the bottle, Bennie exclaimed, "Our old milkman barely filled the bottle, but this one heaps it up so."

And Oh, the Difference to Her!

When Mrs. Featherstitcher saw that she was going to have to help carry a living she began by serving for relatives, but she wound up by sewing for anybody except relatives.

The Count was Clear.

Gentleman Mike—"Pardon me, sir, but have you seen a policeman anywhere around?"
Obliging Citizen—"No, indeed." Gentleman Mike—"Then may I trouble you to let me have your watch and pocket-book?"

Brave Jenkins.

As Tompkins was on his way home after nightfall he collided with Jenkins, who was running as fast as his bulk would allow him. "Why, this is a living she began by serving for relatives, but she wound up by sewing for anybody except relatives."
"Going—for—the—police," said Jenkins, between pants. "We've got a burglar in our house." "But surely you haven't left your wife alone?" "Oh, no! She's holding the burglar!" Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

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NEXT HOUSE OF COMMONS PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION WILL CONTINUE

This Will be Increase of Representation—Maritime Increased Eleven Members

Ottawa, Feb. 24.—The next House of Commons, following redistribution, will consist of 245 members, according to census figures which will be available shortly. This will be an increase of ten members over the present representation. The figures are, however, still subject to revision and final returns may make a change. This applies particularly to the case of British Columbia, where the present House following a redistribution bill, will compare with the present House as follows:

Province	Present House	Next House
British Columbia	14	13
Quebec	18	18
Ontario	20	20
New Brunswick	11	11
Prince Edward Island	4	4
Manitoba	11	11
Saskatchewan	11	11
Alberta	11	11
Yukon	1	1
Total	101	101

Important Action By Women's Council

Recommend Physical and Mental Examination of Persons Convicted Under Criminal Code.

The Local Council of Women yesterday placed itself on record as favoring the examination of every person convicted under the criminal code, both mentally and physically, decided to hold the annual meeting on Friday March 31, at 8 a.m. to discuss the matter. The Council on a date about ten days before the annual meeting, to loan their funds to the Provincial Memorial Home for a tag day and to take no further action regarding a soup kitchen.

In the absence of the president, Mrs. M. Atherton Smith, the chair was occupied by the first vice president, Mrs. W. Edmund Raymond.
A letter of thanks for the loan of the books on tag day, was received from the Free Kindergarten Association and from Mrs. M. A. Young for kind wishes expressed during her illness. Lists of delegates to the council were received from the Willing Workers of Germain Street Baptist Church, St. John branch of the Women's Institute, and the Playground Association. The following letter, which speaks for itself, was received from the Children's Aid Society, Atherton Smith, City.

Dear Mrs. Smith—I have been asked by the Board of Management of the Children's Aid Society to forward through you, to the members of the Local Council of Women, the assurance of their kind and unflinching appreciation of their splendid work in behalf of the finances of their work. We especially wish to thank you, personally, and all the members of your efficient committee, and all who, by their splendid untiring efforts, contributed so much to make the recent November Day the successful success it was. As you are well aware, the work of the Society has been steadily growing through the years bringing with it increased financial burdens and other problems. In the face of all this, the Local Council has been unable to increase our annual grant of \$500, although last year we spent \$5000. The aid, therefore, of the Local Council of Women has proved indispensable to us. We wish the members of your organization every success in their undertakings for the good of the community I remain
Very sincerely yours,
George Scott.

The treasurer reported having received from the Y. M. C. A. a receipt for cheque of \$5,700.00, and one for \$50 from the Children's Aid Society. In the general fund there had been an expenditure of \$90.75 during the month, balance on hand at end of month, \$16.57; in the fund there had been received \$109 and there was



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