

Industrial Review From Many Sources

ANTI-FREE SPEECH LAW, KILLED IN KENTUCKY

Frankfort.—Organized labor's agitation against the vicious "syndical law and motion" law has resulted in the legislature repealing those sections which denied American guarantees. The law now provides for punishment of those who advocate split loyalties against the government.

As originally passed any town council could disperse a trade union meeting if some mill owner told him that it was against section 8 of the law which prohibited any person "by speech, writing or otherwise, to arouse incite or fix enmity, discord or strife or ill feeling between classes or persons."

By amending the act the legislature indicates an end to the "100 per cent American" frenzy that was used a short time ago to stifle every form of protest.

44 HOUR WEEK ESTABLISHED

Taromsa, Wash.—The 44 hour week has been definitely established by the International Typographical union, in reviewing the shorter work week movement of that organization in a speech in this city.

"Strike benefits," he said, "are now being paid to only 7,000 men out of the 10,000 normally employed in the commercial plants of the United States and Canada. These members are receiving approximately \$7 a month, the highest strike benefit ever paid by any union. There is now \$7,000,000 in the general strike fund of the International Typographical union. In 10 months the fund has received \$7,822,091 and paid out \$6,864,784. Strike assessments were cut some 75 per cent from 10 per cent to 2 1/2 per cent and are now down to 5 per cent."

FORGETTING?

How the years run on, frightened, one might almost think, by the hurry and the press of life! It will soon be seven years since the First Division of the Canadian army made its grim stand at Ypres. That was on April 22 and 23, 1915, and we remember how the news that the line had been held and General French's official statement "that the Canadians had won the situation," thrilled the nation. There are many homes in the country now at what cost. Then on the first days of April, 1917, the news brought the story—the epic story—of Vimy Ridge. "Early this morning," wrote a correspondent on the second day of the action, "the Canadians were perched well over the top of Vimy Ridge."

These anniversaries will soon be here. Boys and girls fourteen and fifteen years old today were just children when the First Division of the Canadians held the line at Ypres. They could not have known what it meant. One wonders whether they are learning the story.

Are these anniversaries of Canadian valor being observed? Is a word said in the schools of the country about them when each day comes round not to glorify militarism but to have the national life enriched by the lessons from these stories of what men may do for a cause in which they believe? The truth is that very little is heard about these days that should be sacred to the nation. An "In Memoriam" notice in the papers bears its personal tribute and renews the memory. But is that enough? Are we forgetting so soon? Ex change.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT THESE DAYS

The fishing season. The beach season. The moonshine. Moving on the first of May. The new Easter suit.

EDUCATION IN GERMANY.

The National Students' Advisory board formally advises all German high school pupils not to go to college but to learn a trade instead. It pleads "Our nation lacks bread for its many workers, while the academic professions are overcrowded. Thousands of college men are already forced to earn their living by manual labor."

MILLION DOLLAR INCOMES

The official report of the Federal income tax paid in 1919 discloses an increase of total incomes by four millions over 1918, or from \$11,924,000,000 to \$19,820,000,000. In 1919 some of the first great increases in million incomes—from 229 to 296. In the succeeding year there has been a decrease, to sixty-five in 1919. Looking ahead, it is safe to say that there will be a further decrease. The incomes themselves have gone with the war, the increase of the post-war profits in 1919 to the contrary notwithstanding. The figures relate to the period of excessive optimism from the return of peace. The world has awakened from that day dream, just as it did in the years following the Napoleonic wars. England then flooded the Continent with goods, only to discover that the Continental nations could not pay for their wants. There followed a period of "camellias" and there was born in that experience the science of banking and finance, which is the surest guide out of the world's present impasse. The way out is the restoration of the gold standard by producing an excess of values above consumption.

A GOOD FORM OF PEACE INSURANCE

A Modern ship of war of the largest type," writes a former secretary in the American diplomatic service, "costs \$40,000,000. The same sum devoted to preventing war through the establishment of a competent diplomatic service, would double the salary of every secretary on the pay roll for one hundred years and leave a substantial surplus."

Until the diplomatic service is adequately paid there is small prospect of attracting to it the men needed to raise it to the high plane which it should hold. It has been estimated that except in a few of the world's capitals the average diplomatic officer has to spend more than twice his salary in order to maintain the standard expected of a representative of the American government.

Rarely has there been a more appropriate occasion to re-emphasize this deplorable state of affairs. What could be more fitting than that the decisions of the Conference on the Limitation of Armaments and that some of the money saved on the navy should be devoted to one of the best forms of peace insurance—the strengthening of our diplomatic service.

Two Irish-Americans, one of whom had never before seen Erin, were representing the United States at a convention in Dublin. "Fifty-three years ago," declared one, "I left Ireland a naked little boy, without a dollar in my pockets." The audience was greatly affected and the other speaker decided not to be outdone. "I left Ireland last week," he declared, "I had never set foot in the land of my birth."

During a sermon recently delivered by a Philadelphia clergyman there were frequent references to "Sanctimonious, psalm-singing, wretched Christians who have no real religion in their make-up." A lad of ten who had heard the sermon remarked to his father when they returned home: "Dad, I shouldn't have thought Dr. Smith would have spoken that way about Christians this morning. There might have been some of them in church."

The new minister had asked Al Jones to lead in prayer. It was Al's first experience, but, not wishing to disappoint his new pastor, he complied. Twenty minutes later, found him still praying. The congregation was becoming restless. Finally, from a deacon's pew, there came a loud and devout, "Amen." Unbending his knees, the applicant exclaimed, "Glorious you, deacon! That's the word I've been trying to think of ever since I started."

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New York.—The steamer America, 370 miles at sea, on her way to this port, was "picked up" by the first radio telephone installed on the top floor of the Telephone building in this city.

According to engineers present it is the beginning of a new era in over-sea telephony, although the handicap of outside "interference" must be overcome. In the new experiment it is stated that when the air was clear of outside "interference" the voice over the radio telephone came as clear as a voice over the ordinary land wire—sometimes clearer.

TREMENDOUS ADVANCE IN TEA PRICES

The Tea Market has advanced since last May fully 50c or 10c a pound in London, Colombo and Calcutta.

Albany, N.Y.—The state legislature has passed a bill which authorizes the state superintendent of prisons, with the approval of the governor, to establish a system of compensation for prison labor. Now the convicts are paid only a few cents a day for their work.

DENOUNCE ALIEN LAW

The Kansas industrial relations report was condemned by a state convention of taxpayers, representing business men, professional men, farmers and wage workers held in this city. The convention declared:

"We favor the abolition of the state highway commission and the industrial court. We pledge our unqualified support in electing officials that will assist in carrying out a program as outlined."

HUGE AUTO PROFITS

New York.—The industrial depression has had no effect on the Studebaker corporation, makers of high priced automobiles, according to its financial report for last year, which has just been issued.

Profits were \$10,400,000, the largest in its history. The profit permits a 7 per cent. dividend on preferred stock and 16 1/2 per cent. dividend on common stock after all charges have been met, large salaries for management paid and huge amounts put away in the various funds that so conveniently conceal larger profits.

Bibbie.—How did you hurt your hand? Bees fightin' Eddie—Yep. Those were awful sharp teeth Sammy Jones used to have.

REDUCING RAILROAD FARES

It is announced that "for the summer months" the northern transcontinental roads are to reduce rates between Chicago and the Pacific coast by 20 per cent. The purpose may be assumed to be to increase net revenue by inducing a greater volume of travel. It would appear that competition would compel the southern lines to go also and do likewise. Let us hope so, for travel has become very expensive.

It is doubtful, however, whether passenger fares generally are ever reduced to a pre-war level. If they are it will be due to the competition of other forms of transportation. It was a general agreement among regulating bodies, frequently expressed by the interstate commerce commission, before the war, that passenger traffic has never paid its just share toward the cost and upkeep of our railroad system.

But while free to express its opinion on this subject no regulating body ever had the courage to regulate in accordance with its judgment because it would hit everybody in such a way that he would know it, and the democracy would not like it. By putting the larger burden on freight rates the multitudes would happen quite by accident," replied Mrs. Crossroads, "that she is, 'How do you mean by accident?'" She by putting the larger burden on freight rates the multitudes would

SCOTCH SAYINGS

Eagles catch no fleas.
Better give than take.
No fool like an old fool.
Early master, long knave.
Play's good while it's play.
Long fasting gains no meat.
One never loses by doing good.
All things have a beginning.
Better find iron than lose silver.
A nod of an honest man is enough.
A good dog never barked about a bone.
There is much between word and deed.
Painters and poets have liberty to lie.
All things have an end and a pud very expensive.
A boundless man comes to the best landing.
The next time you dance know whom you take by the hand.
As a rule the European who courts an American fortune is riding for a fall, but it must be remembered that Max Oser is a riding master.
When a man loses his memory and wanders from home, the family usually deserves less sympathy than the bonding company.
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