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### Questions of the Day

AND THE LABOR MOVEMENT

BY JAMES WILSON

The meeting in this city of the American Federation of Labor Executive at this time is significant of the growth of the international spirit in the labor movement. That this spirit is growing very rapidly only a very few will be willing to deny. The action of the Trades and Labor Congress in shutting out the dual organizations and independent locals, as well as the Knights of Labor, was productive of some adverse criticism at the time, but the wisdom of the action has since been amply justified. The solidarity of labor upon this continent is a necessity if the results are to be accomplished. The concentration of the industries of the country in the hands of a very few individuals is being wrought out from day to day. To meet this state of affairs it will be necessary for labor to see that none of its energies are wasted in internal quarrels. To make this a certainty involves upon the gentlemen who are in session here this week.

How is this to be brought about? By a recognition upon our part of the attitude with which the employers stand in matters of opinion when they are fighting our forces. To them the enemy is in the person of organized labor is always in view. This weakness must be cured, and the Executive Board of the A. F. of L. must, presently, take the result of our action into consideration. It is a necessity in some instances. A straight course of action should be mapped out, and that course adhered to at all times. Compromises may be all right when dealing with the enemy, but there should be no compromises among ourselves. The difficulties that are to-day bothering the Executive are largely the result of compromises in the past. No petty disputes as to which international union shall control any given number of men or section of a plant should be allowed to retard the progress of the whole movement. The fact that the enemy is forever at our heels should be the incentive that should govern the action of all the internationals in this country. The independence of the A. F. of L. as representing the movement of the continent of America.

The following sample of how some organization is brought to their own sense through their own efforts, and the ideas contained therein are worthy of perusal by workers.

Brookville, April 11th, 1903.  
To the Employees of The Canada Carriage Co.:

Understanding that there is an effort being made to persuade you to join a Labor Organization with the intent of eventually forming a Union of all the workers in the factory, we feel it our duty to place before you our views, believing that whatever is to be our interests will be in the interests of our associates, whether the office staff, the travelers, foremen, mechanics or laborers.

We recognize the right of any man to join the Labor Union and we are glad they may be made helpful and we are glad they confine themselves to helpfulness and the wise betterment of the condition of their members. We do not claim the right to do this in any way as to our organization or the organization with which anyone in our employ may be connected.

Unfortunately, however, the methods that are being adopted by Labor Unions to do this are not only a violation of the law but also a violation of the rights of the workers. We do not feel that we should feel free to join them, but we do feel that we should feel free to join them, but we do feel that we should feel free to join them.

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### LABOR WORLD

News and Views of the Ever Advancing Army of Workers

The International Association of Machinists will open their biennial convention in Milwaukee, May 11th. Their last convention was held in Toronto two years ago.

Last year the Pennsylvania Railway Co. paid out \$328,463 in pensions to its retired employees. During the past three years 1851 employees have been retired and pensioned.

Beginning May 1, Busby barbers will receive \$30 per week, except Saturdays and nights before holidays, when they will close at 11 o'clock. For breach of the agreement a minimum penalty of \$2 will be imposed.

John Sloan, president of the International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths, was tendered a reception by the local union last evening in a banquet room. The banquet was held in the Occident Hall. The union invited all members of the trade in the city to attend, and several local labor men were also on hand. The object of Mr. Sloan's visit here is to visit on the A. F. of L. Executive and have the jurisdiction of his organization and that of the Carriage and Wagon Workers' Union defined. Both bodies claim the carriage blacksmiths and helpers as subject to their international.

Palmerston is about buying the electric light works from the Bank of Hamilton for \$2,500.

Montreal plasterers will now work nine hours instead of ten, and receive 22 1/2 cents per hour instead of 28.

Glasgow papers say that the Fairfield Shipbuilding Co., the largest on the Clyde has decided to build a plant on Sydney, C.B. harbor.

Many of the things now declared "unconstitutional" could soon be made constitutional, if the workers sent their own representatives to make the constitutions.

The Sarnia Salt Works has been closed and the men laid off indefinitely. The management allege that there is no money in operating the plant, which is a serious one under present conditions.

The teamsters employed by the Woodstock Town Council have declared their intention of striking for \$3.50 a day. They have been offered \$3.25.

The International Harvester Co. has awarded the contract for erecting its new buildings in Hamilton to Mr. A. J. Figgott, of that city, the price being about \$250,000.

The Berlin Board of Works have a graded scale of wages for corporation laborers this year. First-class men are to receive \$1.65, second-class men \$1.50, and third-class men \$1.25.

Montreal master builders have notified the union carpenters that if they do not sign an agreement not to molest individual contractors they will declare a general lockout. This would directly affect 5,000 men.

If you want union label men or boys' furnishings—anything from top to toe—read Gough Bros' announcement of special bargains for Saturday, appearing on Page 3 of this issue. It will please you.

The Toller is the only paper advertised in by Gough Bros. Union label men and boys' furnishings from top to toe. They have union-made goods for union men, and offer special inducements for Saturday in their advertisement on Page 3. Read it.

The Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co. forced a lockout at every one of its collieries in Shenandoah district Monday. The men were notified Saturday that if they did not work the full nine-hour day they could consider themselves discharged. When they reported for work they were told there was no work for them.

Montreal Teamsters' Union held a meeting on Saturday night, when it was decided by the men employed by the Grand Trunk, C. P. R. and other drayage companies that they would not hand freight loaded or unloaded at the wharf by non-union men. When the first steamer arrives a strike involving 2,000 men will likely be declared.

The Provincial Workmen's Association of Nova Scotia, the largest labor organization of Eastern Canada, are moving to organize a public reception for Mr. Thomas Shields, the general manager of the Dominion Coal Co., and now general manager of the Clergue Companies, on his return to Cape Breton. The demonstration will probably be held at Glace Bay, and all the miners in Cape Breton will attend to show their respect for Mr. Shields, who was exceedingly popular with all classes.

Of the Montreal Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners last Friday 1,405 voted against accepting 20 cents per hour, 405 did not vote, and 30 voted to accept. The vote means a strike, and the matter will have to be first referred to the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. The decision will affect about 2,000 men. The carpenters demand 22 1/2 cents an hour. It means a tie-up of many important business blocks in course of erection, such as the new Board of Trade building.

In 1886 there were 125,185 miles of railway in the United States, and in 1902 there were 197,337, the employees being 700,000 and over 1,000,000 respectively. In 1886 the railway employees who met death while coupling or uncoupling cars constituted 13.1 per cent of the whole number killed, while those injured while engaged in this work constituted 46.8 per cent of the whole number of injuries from all causes. In 1902, with the automatic coupler in operation, those killed in coupling operations constituted 1.5 per cent of the whole number of deaths, and the injured was 6.3 per cent of the total number of casualties. What a saving of human life and suffering, and yet the railway corporations for years spent untold money in bribing Congress to prevent that body from passing the law making the use of automatic couplers compulsory. Does their action in the past not strongly resemble deliberate and certain wholesale murder?

Secretary Frank Morrison, of the A. F. of L., recently said: "The American Federation of Labor, taking into consideration its affiliated bodies, has increased fully 250,000 over the average membership paid upon during the eleven months ending Sept. 30, 1902. The average membership on that date was one million twenty-five thousand. We have thirty-six paid organizers in the field—a greater number than ever before in the history of the A. F. of L. We have over one thousand district organizers, and we are receiving 100 per cent more applications this year than during the same months last year. We have now 105 international organizations, 25 State bodies, 500 central bodies, and nearly 1,700 local unions. Five additional international organizations will probably be chartered at an early date. President Gompers has called conventions to form international organizations of the following trades: Railway clerks, railway expressmen and railway laborers. The pilots and hospital attendants have made application for international charters. The bricklayers and soft stone cutters' international organizations are now voting on the proposition to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor."

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TORONTO, APRIL 24, 1933

If the City Council cannot get along without Assessment Commissioner, Planning's opinion in regard to the basis of taxation, the sooner it discharges itself and is succeeded by a group of school boys the better it might be for the city.

During the past fifteen months the railways of Great Britain have not killed a single person, notwithstanding that they are the most crowded in the world.

It is undoubtedly a fine thing to be a Britisher, when Britain pays \$237,000,000 for its army and navy, as the estimates call for this year, the question might naturally arise in the minds of her workers as to whether the game is worth the candle.

EXTEND THE POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT. Barring his too rigid economy, so far as the salaries of letter carriers is concerned, Sir William Mulock has on the whole been by far the best Postmaster-General Canada has had.

A DEFECTIVE POWER SCHEME. The bill introduced by the Government of Ontario on Tuesday giving municipalities the right to engage in the development of power, may possibly result in some advantage to the cities of the province, but it is at best a clumsy scheme.

Deputy Minister of Labor King will act as secretary to the British Columbia Labor Commission.

All but the machinists employed by the Walkerville Bridge Company have returned to work. The machinists refuse to quit the strike, till the union is recognized, and the president of the company refuses to make the factory a union one.

The shipowners interested in Montreal thought to dictate to the longshoremen by importing Britishers and guaranteeing them, first choice from stevedores when men were in demand.

The police patrol beat of Buffalo has been put into commission "to protect non-union soldiers, women and engineers."

Only one of the striking trackmen of the Canadian Atlantic Railway has returned to work, and the rest are determined to hold out till they win.

The United Brotherhood of Railway Employees and the Amalgamated Society of Engineers decided at their meeting in Victoria, B.C. on Saturday afternoon to reaffirm their decision that the wage scale in and after May 1st is to be 33 cents an hour.

LABOR NOTES

The convention of the International Sheet Metal Workers will open in Milwaukee, Wis., April 27th.

The receipts of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners for the month of March were \$32,877.

Forty union cigarmakers are employed by Tuckley & Co. in their London Factory recently purchased from Mr. Dooley, who is manager.

The Homestead Steel produce, with about 4,000 men, three times as much steel as the Krupp works produce with 15,000 men.

During the past two months seventeen charters have been issued for hotels by the International Association of Sheet Metal Workers.

Hamilton trade unions are considering the question of amending a bill for themselves or purchasing the building part of which they occupy.

The United Brotherhood of Railway Employees and the western organization are endeavoring to have the U. S. R. freight sheds at Winnipeg put on the air fair basis.

The American Federation of Labor has issued charters to about thirty unions of expressive and messengers in different parts of the country, and will soon issue a call for a convention.

By referendum vote the International Union of Boot and Shoe Workers has decided not to hold a convention this year. Things are running smoothly with the makers of understanding.

The Carpenter, official organ of the U. B. of C. and J., is out in new form, and presents a highly creditable appearance, and, what is of more importance, plenty of food for thought well and attractively written.

Hamilton Trades and Labor Council's Legislative Committee advocates the establishment of a fund of \$100,000 for the purpose of fighting all laws, bills or actions prejudicial to organized labor.

The first annual convention of the National Association of Tube Workers will be held in Pittsburg on May 4. The new organization has about 10,000 members, and is growing rapidly.

Thirty bricklayers at work on the new School of Science building struck last week in protest against the discharge of Foreman Raynor without sufficient cause.

While representatives of the railway expressmen and messengers were conferring with President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, relative to the feasibility of calling a convention for the formation of a national union of that calling the expressmen of Texas were holding a convention at San Antonio, where a national organization was formed.

The woodworkers employed by the Mill Men's Association have been granted a substantial wage increase, but in return have given up the right to go on a sympathetic strike.

The National Building Trades Council and the Labor Commission, both with headquarters in St. Louis, have joined in a circular letter to the building-crafts of the country to "pay no attention to advertisements calling for artisans and laborers in the building lines to come to St. Louis."

The following delegates will represent the Toronto Street Railwaymen's Union at the International Convention, which will open in Pittsburg, Pa., on May 4th: James H. McDonald, W. H. McKelvie, M. Sinclair and W. T. Thompson.

Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor. Portraits of J. Mitchell (2nd Vice-President), J. O'Connell (3rd Vice-President), J. Lennon (General Secretary), S. Gompers (President), T. J. Kidd (5th Vice-President), M. Morris (4th Vice-President), J. Duncan (1st Vice-President), F. Morrison (Secretary), D. D. Hayes (6th Vice-President).

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DIRTY WORK. The Seab Los Angeles Times Seeking to Lure Unionists. Los Angeles, Cal., April 24.—(Special Correspondence)—President Roosevelt will spend one day in Los Angeles the early part of May in order to review the floral parade, held yearly in this city.

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By W. A. Douglass, B.A.

In introducing this subject it is necessary to point out some of our social relationships.

A sower went forth to sow. That seed he sowed in the soil, where, nurtured by its fertility, fanned by the wind, moistened by the rain and the dew, and heated by the sun, it sprang up in the activity of vitality and rejected the heart of the husbandman by returning him twenty-fold, thirty-fold or a hundred-fold.

From the time Adam first struck his spade in the Garden of Eden to the present day, invariably the sower has looked for abundance where he began with scarcity.

At the same time another man is standing in front of a forge. Into that furnace he has cast the crude ore. He passes it through the various processes of purifying, rolling and fashioning, and behold the result—the ponderous locomotive, the still more ponderous engines of the ocean steamer, or the delicately adjusted watch.

Where this man commenced with a mass of crude ore he strove by every possible means that ingenuity could suggest, to produce an abundance of skillfully adapted machinery.

Between this farmer and this mechanic there is a most intimate relationship. The farmer wants the machinery, and the mechanic wants the crop. Each has done his utmost to produce in the greatest abundance. Each has toiled, and, therefore, the exchange involves toil for toil, sacrifice for sacrifice, benefit for benefit, mutual enrichment and mutual elevation. By each man thus attending to the particular duty for which he is fitted, the combined product is vastly greater in quantity and better in quality.

By extending illustrations of this kind I could show you that it is on this relation of special function, and exchange of riches for riches, or service for service, that depend the growth, the continuance and the development of our civilization and the possibility of the success of religion.

Do you think that this statement is too rash and not exactly in accord with the truth? Then I ask your attention to this consideration: Suppose we abolish all possibility of exchange and compel every man to erect his own home, make his own clothing, provide his own literature and newspaper, construct his own railroad and telegraph, work out his own philosophy and religion, what would be the result? You know just as well as I do, that the result would be desolation the most abject, and barbarism the most gross.

Destroy all exchange, and we destroy at once all civilization.

This is the reason why I state that it is upon the relationship of service for service that depends the possibility of civilization and of religion.

**AN ESSENTIAL DIFFERENCE.**

Permit me now to call your attention to another relationship.

The growth of population on this continent is without parallel in the history of the world. Beginning in the United States and Canada at about four millions at the time of the Revolutionary War, it has doubled every twenty-five years, till it now amounts to about eighty millions. This population has not spread uniformly, but has crowded more and more into the large cities, so that while the general population has doubled every twenty-five years, the civic population has doubled every ten years.

Let us now observe what effect this increase of population must have on the amount of available land. When the first settler comes to any town site there are a hundred or a thousand acres at his disposal. But when another settler comes there is but half the land available for each. With every doubling of the population there must be a halving of the available, so that at last where there were a hundred acres available for the first settler, there are at last a hundred or a thousand persons crowding on to one acre.

While industry is ever striving by every possible device to multiply products, increase population must inevitably divide and subdivide the land. Here we have two movements, one ever multiplying, the other ever dividing and subdividing.

**A CRUCIAL QUESTION.**

Can any of you here see the slightest parallel or resemblance between these two movements, labor beginning with a few seeds and ending with the abundance of the harvest, and population beginning with a superabundance of land for each, and at last ending with a thousand people crowding on to one acre? Is not the difference between these two things just as great as the difference between north and south, fire and poison, death and credit or liability and asset?

Now, what could we think of the navigator who would ignore the difference between the north and the south, or the physician who would ignore the difference between food and poison, or the accountant who would disregard the difference between debit and credit, or the preacher who would deny the difference between good and evil? Would we not at once declare that this was the most puerile madness?

And yet in our legislation for taxation, or recognition of the rights of property, we treat the multiplication of goods and the division of land as though they were one and the same thing. The world-wide difference between the results of the energy of individuals, in the raising of crops and the building of houses, and the division of the land caused by increase of population are treated as though they were one and the same thing.

**WHO SHOULD OWN THE CROP.**

When farmers make crops abundant, and other toilers strive by their energy to make other goods abundant, it is universally conceded that these toilers have a right to a share in this abundance. But as population increases in any centre and thus makes land relatively more scarce, it is in accordance with justice that if I hold the title deed to that land I should be enabled to say to these toilers, "A large share of that abundance belongs to me, and only a fraction of it belongs to you." Do you think that is the way God intends us to divide the wealth of the world? That those who produce everything should receive in many cases only a fragment of what they produce, and that those who produce nothing should enjoy in many cases overflowing fortunes?

If there is any hesitation in your minds as to the answer that ought to be re-

turned to that question, let me call your attention to what must be the effect on society if we adopt that method of dividing the products of industry.

Suppose for argument sake that one of my ancestors had acquired possession of a few acres of land in the centre of New York City a hundred or two hundred years ago. At that time, when population was sparse and land abundant, he could say to those who wished to occupy that land, "Pay me a dollar a year." As population increased he could say, "Pay me ten dollars a year." As it still further increased he could say, "Pay me a hundred dollars a year." After another increase he could say, "Pay me a thousand dollars a year, ten thousand, fifty thousand, a hundred thousand dollars," and if I were heir to that estate and the land well situated for business, I could claim from the occupants five hundred thousand dollars yearly for every acre in the estate.

We would witness eventually this **MONSTRIOUS DEVELOPMENT:**

The more these people paid me, the more they would have to pay; the more they paid, the greater would be their debt, the larger their obligation. It is a debt that paying never pays. It is a debt that continues year after year, generation after generation, and age after age to the end of all time. It is a debt that ever grows becoming larger and heavier with every increase in the population, and every improvement in the mechanical arts. It is a relationship that severs society in twain, placing on one part the whole burden of maintaining civilization, and then allowing that part but a fragment of its advantages, while I would be relieved from all its obligations. I need do nothing to support myself or to support my fellows, and I would be free from all obligation to do anything for the support of government. I would be wholly exempt from all taxes.

It is a relation that ever drives the two poles of society further and further apart; labor always striving by every device to achieve fortune, but ever driven back close to the borderland of penury, crowded down into stuffiness, miserably housed, sweat shops and slums, till all the sweetness and joy is pressed out of life, while I would be carried up to greater and greater fortune. During bitter nights of winter there may be seen at the same moment the gorgeous revelry of a Bradley-Martin ball, with its extravagance so wasteful, that it smites the conscience of the world with its wickedness, and at the same time a fine man standing on Broadway through the long hours awaiting the toll of the midnight hour, that they may secure a loaf of stale bread to carry home to their famishing children. What a sight to see a professed Christian nation! Injustice enthroned, righteousness trampled beneath our feet, the brotherhood of man nullified, the right of the child of God to the gifts of God ignored, the right of the toiler to the product of his industry denied, the essential claims of religion set at naught, is it any wonder that we see such appalling failures in our civilization?

Now shall we cease to strive from this thraldom of injustice, and how shall we replace the presence of severance and hostility by the unity of harmony and good-will?

Behold the multitude of toilers on the farm, in the factory, at the forge, and see them striving with every possible ingenuity to fill up the storehouses with wealth to the point of repletion. Note the millions of value these toilers thus produce. Then note again the vast amount of value that comes to the land in our large cities and which increases with every addition to the population.

The first value is due to the energy of individuals, while the second value is due to the combined presence of the multitude.

Here we find two distinct sources of value. What is the appropriate destination of these values? When a man puts in the seed, fertilizes the soil, fights off the weeds, the out-ward and the weevil, to whom should be long that crop? In the name of all that is holy, should not the product belong to the producer? And as the value of the land is due to the presence of the community, does it not belong honestly to the community, and is not its appropriate place the public treasury for public purposes?

Let us once adopt the simple expedient of avoiding the taxation of improvements and of confining taxation to the values caused by the community presence, what would be the effect on society? No longer could any man use land as an agent of extortion. No longer could one man use land for the impoverishment of his fellow. Instead of being able to say to his fellow: "You must surrender the abundance of your product to me," he would be compelled to produce some commodity or to render some service, and then we would meet his fellow with an exchange of benefit for benefit and riches for riches.

Having thus established relations of harmony between man and man, having removed the temptation which makes the equality in extortionate speculations, having established conditions which would tend to develop the best there is in man instead of the worst, as we do at the present day, what basis should be placed on the rapid advance of our civilization? With plenty for all, with leisure for the cultivation of the higher faculties, with justice enthroned and man brought into harmony with his environment, would we not be warranted in looking for the speedy advent of that time of which poets have sung, for which martyrs have died, and whose consummation will be the glory of the Kingdom of God?

The quietest and yet the most stubborn strike is reported from Bridgeport, Conn. A correspondent of the New York World relates that one night ago 100 men walked out of Parson's foundry. Seventy of these were iron moulders and thirty were their helpers. The contention relates to piecework. Since the day of the walk-out neither side has sought a conference looking to the termination of the strike. The foundry people have managed to keep running, but they have been badly hampered by inexperienced men. The strikers still maintain a picket whose duty it is to urge the non-union men to quit work. In many cases these appeals have been effective, and the company has found it necessary to employ some new men every week during the past year. It is said that "both sides to the difficulty have lost money. Neither side has expressed a desire to state its case in the papers, as is usual in such matters, both appearing to be perfectly content to let matters stand as they are, no doubt with the feeling that each is right, and because talk would be useless. And on Dec. 13, in Emma's Hall, the iron moulders celebrated the anniversary of the strike."

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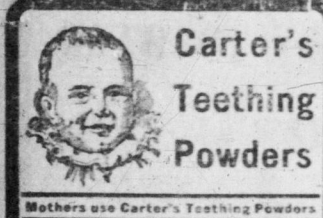
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LABOR AGAINST GOVERNMENT.

Big Strike Organized in Holland. In All Departments of Transportation.

Amsterdam, April 1.—At midnight a meeting of the Workers' Committee proclaimed a general strike throughout Holland. Only workers engaged in transportation both by land and water. The meeting lasted until 4 o'clock this morning.

The president of the Workers' Committee of Defense, in an interview, said the strike proclaimed today involved the entire railroad system and other land transport of Holland, and the water transportation of the important ports—Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Breda and Zaandam. He added, was intended as a protest against...

THE ANTI-STRIKE LAWS

as well as to support the demand of the railroad men for an increase of wages before the passage of the laws made an improvement in their position impossible. He declares the strike will spread to all branches of labor.

The staffs of the shipping companies trading with London and Hull have stopped work in sympathy with the strikers. Only one train left Amsterdam this morning, and it was protected by troops.

The Premier of the Netherlands, Dr. Kayser, introduced in the second chamber of the states general, February 25, three bills in connection with the railroad strike in Holland. He explained that the Government considered it necessary to...

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During the debate on the bill Saturday last, the Premier, whose speech was received with cheers mingled with hisses from the Socialists, dwelt on the danger of strikes to commerce, or in the event of the mobilization of troops and maintenance of the necessity for securing uninterrupted communication with foreign countries and offering a firm front to the party disorder, which was terrorizing the country.

The debate was then adjourned until Tuesday.

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By Judge Murray E. Tuley, of Chicago. The strike is the only weapon of the worker. When it is unaccompanied by violence, it is a perfectly legal weapon, but in all but a few rare instances it seems impossible to have a strike without some violence.

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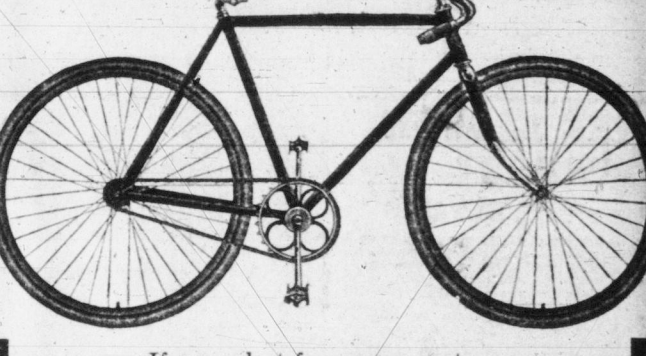
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