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THE LETTER MEN

FOR the rank and file of Americans the letter carrier has lost very little of the romantic glow with which a general friendly regard surrounded him in earlier days when, before the telephone, he was the only messenger of friends, the most anxiously awaited of the day's callers, the personification of governmental efficiency and a cheerful voice without which no morning could be complete.

McADOO ABOUT PASSES

IT HAS transpired through the posting of notices in the conductors' rooms in the Camden railroad terminals that the son of William Gibbs McAdoo, the former director general of railroads, has lost his annual pass.

Now, what the rest of us would like to know is why he is so highly favored. His father stopped the use of private cars when he took charge of the railroads for the President, but when he wanted to go to the Pacific coast he used a private car himself.

Can it be that the government is playing favorites with passes, just as the railroad companies did before they were forbidden to permit any one to ride for nothing?

A PREPOSTEROUS CRAFT

IN VIEW of the Public Service Commission's exposure of the practice of "renting" streets to taxicab companies, it is really astonishing that sidewalk pedestrians have been exempted.

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in the primaries is seeking to disrupt the party then the whole theory of the primary is wrong and it is a crime for any man to disagree with the small group that does the selecting.

We do not believe that the mass of Republicans of this city hold any such view. The right of Congressman Moore to seek a nomination is as sacred as the right of Judge Patterson. No argument is needed to prove it.

TWO CLASSES OF RADICALS RETARD INDUSTRIAL PEACE

Labor Day Shows Them Persisting, With Diminishing Influence, on Both Sides of the Wage Dispute

WITHIN a week the air has cleared in the railway situation. Nervous folk who slide into panic at a word and the multitudes who still regard Bolshevism as a hard reality rather than a shadow on the face of events can sleep again.

Any one who still doubts the ability of Americans to settle their affairs upon a rational basis has missed the significance of the tilt between Mr. Wilson and the shopmen and has failed utterly to recognize the newer trend of labor sentiment in this country.

It was when Roosevelt appointed a conciliation commission to settle the anthracite strike of 1902 that an official mind in the United States first went exploring into the world where the other half lives.

Polities doesn't run the country, which must depend always for its strength and its peace and its happiness upon the relationships fundamentally established between the men who own and organize industries and those who work them.

Labor Day might very properly involve some sort of tribute to Theodore the Grim. Mr. Roosevelt was perfectly willing to admit the sacred rights of property.

This was perhaps the first great occasion on record when a formal effort was made, under government authority, to settle a labor dispute by other methods than force and attrition.

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It is the radical labor leader and the radical boss, the radical union man and the radical capitalist who do most to keep the great masses of employers and wage-earners apart in a state of mutual misunderstanding and suspicion. Their

number is decreasing, yet it is unfortunate that they can always make themselves heard when the dominant conservative opinion on both sides is left voiceless. That is why public opinion is frequently misled and confused.

That method can come only when the radical capitalist realizes that his power imposes a new sort of obligation on him—an obligation not only to the men who work for wages in his organization, but to the state and general public, which also are affected by all reactions for good or ill in large elements of the population.

Equally necessary is an intelligent conception on the part of the wage-earners of some of the very real troubles and strains that go with the direction of big businesses at a time like this. Neither side is as well informed as it ought to be of the way in which the other half lives.

THE "R" MONTHS MESSAGE

NO MATTER what the astronomers tell us, summer ends today. The Labor Day week-end puts a period to it. Take a vacation from an American citizen and what remains? Work.

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WHERE LIGHT IS NEEDED
THE Public Utilities Commission in New Jersey seems destined for an investigation of sorts, no matter how the next election goes.

Superficial evidences, such as the rates for electric light and power service on the far side of the Delaware and recent astounding decisions relating to trolley fares, make it appear that something new in investigations which would be of benefit in a good many other states may well have its beginning in New Jersey.

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Balkan unrest is no argument against the league of nations. It is a plea for its establishment.

SAFE AND SANE INDUSTRY

President of Baltimore Federation of Labor Eloquently Defends American Institutions Against Foreign Fomenters of Unrest

J. H. Ferguson, president of the Baltimore Federation of Labor, writing in the Manufacturers' Record of Baltimore, has many interesting and significant things to say concerning the labor situation. His article follows:

OUR present industrial system is destined to last for a long time in its main outlines. That is to say, private ownership of capital is not likely to be supplanted by a collectivist organization of industry at a date sufficiently near to justify any present action based on the hypothesis of its arrival.

It is true there are those in the ranks of organized labor who, in the fervor of their world-improving mission, discover and proclaim certain curative pills for the ills of humanity, which they fondly and perhaps honestly believe to be new and untried remedies, but which, as a matter of fact, are heavy with age, having been tried on this old globe of ours at one time or another, in one of its parts or another, long ago—tried and found wanting and discarded after sad disillusionment.

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LABOR DAY



THE CHAFFING DISH

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What Do You Know?

QUIZ

- 1. Who were the only soldiers in American history who were made full generals?
2. What was the real name of Petroleum V. Nasby, the humorist?
3. What is the capital of Switzerland?
4. Who commanded the American warship Constitution when she defeated the Guerriere?
5. What is a coot?
6. Who was John Sleeper Clarke?
7. What foreign monarch has just canceled his proposed visit to the United States?
8. What is kelp?
9. Who was Euclid?
10. What nation is for the first time to have an ambassador to the United States?

Answers to Saturday's Quiz

- 1. The name of William Penn's family was originally Tudor.
2. The tonnage of the Leviathan is 50,000.
3. "The Forty-Five" was the Jacobite Rebellion in English history in 1745. It was led by the Young Pretender, Charles Edward Stuart, against the government of the House of Hanover.
4. "Ergo" is Latin for "therefore."
5. The Danube is longer than the Rhine.
6. Bismarck was called the "Man of Blood and Iron."
7. A manatee is a sea-cow.
8. Three of the principal Allied powers must sign the peace treaty before it becomes operative for them.
9. The sea route from Europe to India by way of the Cape of Good Hope was opened by Vasco da Gama in 1498.
10. Thomas Buchanan Read wrote the poem "Sheridan's Ride."