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Peace of mind must come in its own time, as the waters settle themselves into clearness, as well as quietness; you can no more filter your mind into purity than you can compress it into calmness; you must keep it pure if you would have it pure, and those no stones into it if you would have it quiet.

WORK AND SAVE

That was the slogan during the war and it was based upon sound sense and the absolute necessity of the situation.

After all, there is but one natural, powerful, and efficient way to lower the cost of living. That is by increasing the production of things needed to a point where the supply of them is greater than the demand.

In the meantime, wages should be paid on a scale fully adjusting them to the level of increased cost of living.

But the labor must be efficient and should be rewarded in proportion as it is efficient—extra reward based on extra efficiency.

High costs today, to a great percentage of such costs, are due to the fact that labor is not receiving large wages in many directions.

If we can ever get our labor up to 100 per cent we shall have such an increased production of needed things as will tip the scale of prices steadily downward.

Such a production as the Nation brought about when it sprang to meet the needs of the war in which, when the armistice came rather suddenly, showed that we were over-producing.

Unless, and until we, the American people get off our high horse and descend to the level of industry and economy demanded by present and future conditions.

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LABOR DAY

Monday will be Labor Day, and Harrisburg is preparing to celebrate the anniversary as never before.

But while we celebrate, will we pause for a moment to think what it is all about? If we don't, the significance of the occasion will be lost and it will mean no more than any other holiday.

Labor Day was set apart by Congressional act as a recognition of the dignity of labor and of the important part the worker plays in the prosperity of the country and the advancement of society.

Upon this holiday labor has been wont to celebrate its successes and to set its face anew toward better living conditions for all workmen.

But this year labor faces a graver responsibility than ever rested upon it before. The peace and prosperity of the whole world depend upon the wisdom of American labor leaders and the conservatism of American working people.

Industrial warfare has been upon the tongues of men everywhere, and not all the radicalism has been voiced in the halls of labor.

Heads of great industries who are still living in that era which closed when America went into the world's war are talking the dead language of a well-nigh forgotten past.

Fortunately for America, there are ample indications that these radicals on the side of labor and these stiff-necked aristocrats on the side of capital are in the minority.

Wise and humane managers of industrial enterprises are showing a disposition to "go the limit" in the way of wages and improved living conditions, while the labor element, headed by such men as Stone and Gompers, is giving evidence of a conservatism of thought and action that ought to do much to steady the national business situation until time will permit of a restoration of equilibrium.

It is an old-story, that one of capital and labor having the same interests and that they ought to live in peace and harmony for the benefit of all concerned.

But it is worth repeating and emphasizing now, for, unless the two can get together on some common basis, we shall not see in the next five or six years, at least, anything like a settled condition in this country.

Industry cannot prosper while employees are at loggerheads with employers, and thus both the employer and the employee suffer, for where there is no prosperity for capital there can be none for labor, and vice versa.

The answer to our present troubles lies in cool heads and reasonable demands upon both sides.

Capital ought to pay as much as the industry in which it is employed can reasonably stand in the way of wages.

But wages earners ought not to demand more than that, for when an employer's profits are all taken from him he does just what the workingman would do when his wages are taken from him—he quits work—for neither can afford to labor for nothing.

And labor ought to give a full day's work for a full day's wages. Increased individual production will do a lot toward advancing wages and shortening hours of work, for without full production no business can earn profits or pay good wages.

So let us celebrate this Labor Day in the spirit of good will and amity that the occasion deserves.

Let us, all, employer and employe alike, for both are laborers, resolve to do our best to get together, to rule our minds by reason and love and give the Golden Rule a place in our holiday meditations.

Police Hearings. Mayor Keister, if memory serves aright, made certain pre-election statements to the general effect that he, as Mayor, would transact personally all the duties of his office.

Now the Mayor says that he means to hold no more police hearings and adds that an alderman will be entrusted with that duty.

For years it has been contended that the work of committing magistrates does not properly lie with the Mayor, but to date there is no law

Politics in Pennsylvania

More commissions will be issued by the Governor as the result of the election to be held this year and for which the September primary is the preliminary, than known in years.

Under the laws of Pennsylvania, judges and county officers of certain grades have to be commissioned by the Governor.

In addition to the judges to be elected who include one superior court, 17 common pleas, 5 orphans' court, one county court, two municipal court and fourteen associate judges, the records of the Secretary of the Commonwealth show that there will be commissioned as a result of the November election:

45 prothonotaries, 67 registers of wills, 56 recorders of deeds, 61 officers known as dodimus postestatus, 51 clerks of quarter sessions, 50 clerks of oyer and terminer, 56 clerks of orphans' courts, 44 sheriffs, with the same number of writs assistance commissions; 55 coronors and 120 assessors, that of Allegheny, who is the only county treasurer to be commissioned by the Commonwealth.

Cyrus E. Wood is also mentioned for general use, the opinion of the Attorney General's department in regard to the act of 1910, relative to the quantity of the missing decision is that returned soldiers, sailors or marines must comply with all requirements possible on their return, the act being only to waive the penalty which returned men can not comply, because of his absence in the National service.

Colonel John Eric Jackson, commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry, who was given leave of absence two years ago when he went to France, has been appointed a member of a commission to visit Armenia and trans-Caucasia under instructions from President Wilson.

Major General James G. Harbord, chief of staff of the A. E. F., is to head the committee to visit Armenia and trans-Caucasia under instructions from President Wilson.

The purpose of the mission is to especially inquire into conditions in the proposed new Armenia Republic and by personal inspection to obtain complete information indicating what questions would be involved were that country to be taken over by the United States and administered by this Nation.

Existing information regarding other governments of trans-Caucasia is also to be verified.

Philadelphia newspapers are now devoting pages to the development in the campaign, featuring the numerous statements made by candidates and their friends and the numerous votes.

Speech making is under way and it is very evident that there will be a big drive made next Tuesday to add to the registration.

Newspaper comment on the registration is "amazed" the Vore leaders, helped Moore. The North American gets considerable fun out of the registration news and statements which are being put out saying that the publicity factories are the only establishments "in the line" threatened with over production.

It is evident from the registration that the people of Philadelphia are "aroused" while the Press says that the "Vore" are doing live-in-clear where he really does live-in-clear.

The Inquirer is protesting against the activity of the Republican city committee in behalf of John M. Patterson, saying: "One of the scandals of the local campaign is the open and undisguised manner in which the candidacy of the Vore choice for mayor is being promoted."

Under all the rules of decency and fair play an organization of this kind is bound to keep its hands off the contests. Its business is to use every honorable means to elect a candidate after he has been nominated.

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THE FIRST HUNDRED YEARS ARE THE HARDEST

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Beauty and the Beast. To the Editor of the Telegraph: If we had female juries, there's no doubt that many more women criminals would get their just deserts.

A Russian Amazon Who Cried. Out of the chaos there comes, now and again, a human note to remind us that elemental nature will probably endure.

More Babies. If it's true the present death rate is much greater than the birth rate, will some scientist who knows state when mankind will quit the earth?

Diamond Price Goes Up. [From the Des Moines Register] The high cost of getting engaged will be married is going to be worse.

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Evening Chat

Every county in Pennsylvania and more than a score of States together with Cuba, Mexico, the Dominion of Canada and some of the West Indies were represented in the throng of sightseers at the Pennsylvania State Capitol during the month closing to-day, which is probably the busiest month for visitors to the State House since the Capitol was opened.

Permanent arrangements for the deposit of the flags carried by Pennsylvania National Guard regiments before and after leaving Camp Hancock, and the flags of the various organizations formed of Pennsylvanians during the war will be made by the board of Public Grounds and Buildings and Assistant General Frank D. Beary in a few months.

People familiar with Capitol Hill are of the opinion that the people who will make the borings to determine the foundations for the new South office building will run into rock at a comparatively short distance below the surface.

Harrisburg people are once more commencing to think that they should not believe the peaches which usually predict the failure of the peach crop because the latest shipments of peaches to this city from the Cumberland valley are in greater amount than in any year as ever known.

River coal men who have been busier this summer than for a long time, say that they look forward to at least three months work in the Susquehanna basin as the coal bedded. The demand for the coal is heavy, although industrial plants about the city have stocked up large quantities and the State Capitol bins contain hundreds of tons.

George W. Hensel contributed a giant steer to the Home Coming celebration in honor of the soldiers at Quarryville. The steers and stags provided and other good eats for the great crowds of thousands who gathered for the reception.

These are the days when the kind of taxes, ranging from seventy-three cents to \$100,000. The corporations of the State are commencing to pay the taxes and as they are assessed on business done or amounts of loans the sums vary.

Some of the inactive companies pay very small sums although of late years in this day and age has of assessing what is called "bookkeeping tax" or enough to pay for the book keeping.

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