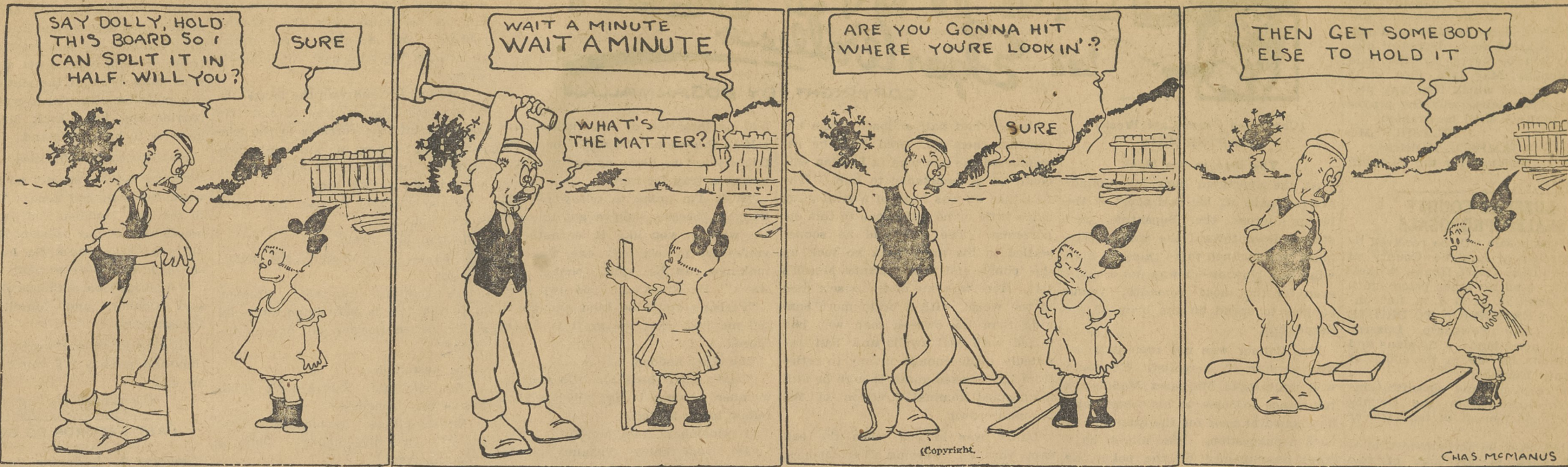


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By Charles McManus



NATION CLOSE TO CRISIS

and extension of facilities in 1930. They have begun to spend it. The Telephone company promised to spend \$600,000,000 in the same sort of work, and they are spending it. The Class I Railroads agreed that they would spend \$11,247,792,000, and that promise is being kept. Manufacturers in every important line promised there would be no reduction of wages, and that promise is also being kept.

President Hoover is particularly gratified over this wage situation. He asked that there be no reduction in wages as had always accompanied these slumps hitherto. Wage reductions bring hardships and they decrease the consumption of goods including farm products. It is the first business depression in our history that had not been accompanied by drastic wage reductions.

Besides calling on business men the President called on the Governors of states to do what they could to stimulate new public works, and the result has been larger appropriations for such purposes than ever before in American history. And this has been supplemented by the President's own initiative in enlarging the Federal Government's program of expenditures for construction for 1930-1931.

All of that is, however, but a single step in President Hoover's program looking toward such a complete stabilization of American industry and business as to make future situations of this sort unlikely, if not impossible.

The President is more keenly aware than are many men in public office of the scope and importance of the new economic laws which have been developed in the United States since the war. The old theory that labor is a commodity to be bought as cheaply as possible, if a business is to be successful, has been proved utterly fallacious, he is convinced. The experience of American industry so far, with the policy of paying high wages increasing them as rapidly as possible, while at the same time shortening the hours of labor and giving the workmen the benefit of the savings which can be effected by the use of automatic machinery have resulted in making American labor into the largest group of consumers to be found in any nation in the world.

If the consumers—that is to say workers—are out of work, they cease to be consumers, at least to the extent that they are when they are working and getting high pay and leisure in which to spend it.

It is the President's belief that at least ninety per cent of the major industries of the nation are thoroughly committed to this general policy, which throws Adam Smith and the other old political economists into the discard. Except in the textile mills of the South the tendency is steadily upward as to wages and downward as to working hours. Even the New England cotton mills are beginning to realize that high wages make the workers consumers and that a whole nation cannot remain prosperous unless labor is steadily employed at good wages.

President Hoover's hope, therefore, is that he will be able to bring about a coordination of governmental activities with these recent changes in economic thought and practice. It is as much the Government's concern as it is that of industry. Governments must learn to think in terms of the new idea and not try to legislate or administer on the basis of outworn economic theories. You cannot catch an economic force, with a policeman; you can direct it if you have the cooperation of the whole community. The logic of that is simple. The new era in industry is here, an established fact.

It won its place on its own merits, without any material assistance from the Government. If the Government tries to run counter to the economic laws which make for continued prosperity, it will not be economic laws which will fall; it will be the Government. Therefore, if there were no other consideration involved, it is the duty of the Government to align all of its powers with the forces which are carrying the sound economical policy into effect.

Unemployment or any serious fraction of able-bodied workers becomes a much more serious matter to the general prosperity, under a system which depends upon the consuming power of the wage-earner, than under the old system which looked only to the well-to-do and white-collar workers for its principal customers. Worse than this, it is the greatest human disaster that overtakes our people. The subject of unemployment, therefore, is one to

which Mr. Hoover has given and is giving a great deal of personal thought and attention.

In his customary way, his first demand was for facts. He found that there were no really dependable national statistics on unemployment. The Department of Labor was doing the best it could under a system which projected the national unemployment situation from figures furnished at regular intervals by representative industries in every line. But there never had been a national census of unemployment, and he seized the opportunity which the decennial census to be taken in April offered, to discover for the first time exactly what proportion of persons usually employed regularly were out of work on April 1 of this year. Those figures, when compiled, to use the President's own engineering phrase, will constitute a "datum line," on which more accurate estimates than have been possible in the past can be based at frequent intervals. Thus there will always be available the actual facts about unemployment instead of irresponsible guesses, which ran during the past winter from the Department of Labor's estimate of 1,250,000 out of work to the Federation of Labor's claim that 3,000,000 workers were without jobs.

That information will serve as a guide to industry and business in many ways. It will be at once an index of changes in possible markets for commodities and a stimulus to remedial efforts whenever the figure falls below the normal range of variation.

Mr. Hoover's thoughts on unemployment do not stop there, however, after all, the person chiefly concerned is the man out of a job. He has delegated the Secretaries of Commerce and Labor to cooperate with employers and the American Federation of Labor to find out more about the whole subject.

The suggestion has been put forward that industry could be so organized that every worker could be guaranteed a minimum yearly income.

Perhaps not that program precisely, but something of that general nature which would automatically insure a livelihood to every worker in the United States is, I believe, the idea which is growing in President Hoover's mind. It is in entire accord with his conception of Government as an aid and ally of industry and business, a conception the value of which he demonstrated when he entered understandingly into the conferences which averted what would otherwise have gone down into history as "the panic of 1930."

(Editor's Note—This is the last of a series of articles by Mr. Stockbridge based upon his conversation with President Hoover.)

Carverton

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Frantz, Diantha and Emily Knorr, Sheldon and Nelson Frantz, Priscilla and Donald Knorr, Valeda and Eleanor Frantz, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Frantz, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Knorr, Roland Frantz, M. J. Hefft, Marian and Albee Knorr and Miss Ida Anderson called at the home of Mrs. Mary Knorr on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond King and children, James, Betty, Kenneth and Albert of Dallas, Leigh Hefft of Kingston and James Hefft of Lymanville, Miss Edna Hefft of Camden, N. J., spent Easter at the home of Ziba Hefft.

The Kingston township high alumni will present the play, "Nobody But Nancy," at the Carverton Grange hall on April 26.

Mrs. Edna Pace and son Eddie called at the home of Mrs. Bertha Anderson recently.

Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Coursen spent Easter at the home of Mrs. Kate Rozelle of Mt. Zion.

Miss Kathryn Hefft, Sherman Hefft and Miss Grace Hefft called at the home of Ziba Hefft recently.

Sunday services, April 27—Sunday school in the morning at 9:30; church services at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Greenfield, pastor. All those wishing to join the probation class or to be taken in full membership or wishing bring your church letter here may do so by giving your name to the pastor or your Sunday school teacher.

-Trucksville-

Return From California
Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Reynolds have returned from California, where they have been spending several weeks.

Entertains at Bridge
The Misses Nellie, Mary and Bess Leach entertained at a bridge luncheon on Monday in honor of Mrs. Charles Trein and Mrs. W. D. Kemble. Mrs. Trein has left for Montrose and Mrs. Kemble is soon to move to Carbondale, where her husband is general secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

To Hold Bazaar
The members of St. Therese's church are planning a bazaar and dance on May 14th at the Hollow Inn.

Students Return to College
The following students have been home for the Easter vacation: Donald Nelson, Penn State; Georgina Weldner, Bloomsburg Teachers' College; Catherine Rice, Ruth Palmer, Nettie Thomas, Mansfield; David Schooley, Lehigh; Charles Perkins, U. of P.

Injured in Auto Accident
John Richards and daughter Leah are suffering severe injuries received in an automobile accident. They were on their way to Virginia to visit Daniel Richards, who is in the army. Miss Arline Frantz and brother were also in the party but escaped injury.

Miss Helen Reynolds has returned from Pittsburgh, where she visited her brother.

Queen Esther Standard Bearers met with Emily Lewis Monday evening. Plans were discussed for a box social to be held soon. Refreshments were served to June Palmer, Charlotte Stroud, Edna Billings, Della Riddell, Ruth Bennett, Marion Reese, Ruth Hewitt, Ruby Gordon, Arline Hoover, Betty Cole, Thelma Bulford, Ruth Howell, Mary Jackson, Betty DeBolt, Mrs. J. E. Newhart and Emily Lewis. Miss Audrey Carle and Miss Guida Morrow spent the Easter vacation in New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wardell, John Wardell, Ivy Guenther and Mary Wardell spent Easter with Mr. and Mrs. George Metz.

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Menace to life long marked travel between Luzerne and Trucksville, points on the important route to Harvey's Lake and adjacent places. Senator Sordoni led the effort that brought State aid to removal of the old narrow highway.

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-Dallas-

Return From Holiday
After a brief holiday enjoyed at the home of their parents the following students have resumed their studies at College Misericordia: Mary Kane of Wilkes-Barre, Sarah McCaffrey of Plymouth, Philomena Kerwin of Lykens, Pa., Jane Hagan of Nanticoke, Mary Howard of Plymouth, Mary Gallagher of Scranton, Katherine McAvoy of Plymouth, Catherine Burke of Hazleton, Mary McGovern of Rummelfield, Elizabeth O'Malley of Weymouth, Mass., Katherine Blum of Harrisburg, Harriet Riger of Towanda.

St. Therese's Party
The members of St. Therese's Card Club held a largely attended card party at Wallo Inn, Dallas, on Tuesday night. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. Leonard Kane, Joseph Sigler, Miss Anna Getson, Mrs. Bauer, Mrs. Frank McGarry, Gert Lohman, Bill Lewis Rowlands and Mr. Staub.

These card parties are becoming very popular and each one boasts of a better attendance. The hostess, Mrs. Joseph Wallo, was largely responsible for Tuesday's party being so successful. Present, besides the winners, were: Joseph Wallo, David Morris, Mary Wallo, Bole Dana, G. S. Jones, Michael Zelenak, Kenneth Appleton, Delmar Dairs, Mrs. John A. Girvan, Robert Tracy, Mrs. Peter Oberst, Mrs. N. A. Straub, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Youngblood, Mrs. H. Lohman, Mrs. C. Dunham, Mrs. A. Antoinitis, Florence Anstett, Theta Mead, Helen Zelenak, Jennie Swire, Margaret Anstett, Ethel Oberst, Philip Anderson, Phillip Anderson, John tSaub, Frank McGarry, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Yeager, James Hall. The orchestra delighted all present and the hostess extends thanks to these young musicians and wish them success.

Miss Lenora Robinson and Miss Bessie Love, teachers at Dallas township school, spent the past week in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Kester and Mr. Drake spent a number of days at State College.

Mrs. P. P. Dohl entertained at a bridge luncheon at her home on Wednesday. Many people from Dallas and nearby parts were in attendance.

On Wednesday afternoon the regular weekly meeting of the Girl Scouts was held at Dallas Borough high school. Mrs. Hull presided.

Mr. and Mrs. Milford Shaver entertained the following Sunday Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Crocker, Miss Crocker and Mrs. Andreas of Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Honeywell had as their guests on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Smith of Wilkes-Barre.

Miss Mildred Eveland and father of Lake Carey were Dallas callers on Saturday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Oberst of Chase are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl born Friday at the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Oberst was Miss Marion Learn of Chase. Mother and baby are doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. George Learn of Chase entertained over the week-end Mr. and Mrs. Albert McDannell of Albany, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. Russell Learn of Scranton and Charles Larr of Kingston.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Bevan have left for Providence, R. I., where they will reside. Prior to their going they have been entertained for several weeks at teas, luncheons, dinners and evening parties. Their many friends wish them happiness and success in their new home.

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Do you want a concrete road from Dallas to Tunkhannock, connecting with the Sullivan Trail at that point? Senator Sordoni is working on plans for such a road and is the prime worker in the project to see it accomplished. Past records speak for themselves. Senator Sordoni will make such a road a certainty.

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